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**Eligibility**

* Open to writers residing in Aotearoa New Zealand aged eighteen years and over.
* Limit 1500 words. Entries over this limit will not be accepted.
* Submissions may be written in English or te reo Māori.
* Submissions must be in short story form and fit in the Adult or Young Adult categories.
* Work must be original, previously unpublished fiction and not under consideration for publication.
* Stories must not have been previously placed (i.e. winning or commended) in another competition. Stories may not be entered into other competitions until after 30 June 2023.
* NZSA Top of the South Branch committee members are not eligible to enter.

**Submission and Fee**

* Entries must meet the following format criteria
* A4 document
* Double-spaced
* Times New Roman font, 12 point
* Pages must be numbered
* The title is the heading on the first page
* The author’s name must not appear anywhere on the manuscript
* The file name must be the story title
* Submissions by email only. Send to: tetauihushortstory@gmail.com
* Include both the entry form (below) and your story as attachments
* If you enter more than one story, each story must be submitted in a separate email
* Entries should arrive no later than 5 pm 31st May 2023.
* By submitting an entry, the writer grants NZSA Top of the South Branch the non-exclusive rights to publish the work on the branch website if it is short-listed in this competition. Up to 10 entries in each language option will be short-listed.
* Entry fee is $20.00 per entry for those 26 years and over and $10 per entry for those 18-25 years. A written assessment is available for an additional $20 per entry.

**Judging**

* The judge’s decision is final, and no correspondence will be entered into.
* Shortlisted entries will be announced on 30 June 2023 and published on [www.topwriters.co.nz](http://www.topwriters.co.nz/).

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**Te Tauihu Short Story Awards 2023 Entry Form**

**Please print clearly**

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| --- | --- | --- |
| Given Name |  | |
| Pen Name  (if applicable) |  | |
| Iwi  (if applicable) |  | |
| Age | Between 18-25 years | 26 years and over |
| NZSA member? | Yes / No (NZSA membership is not required for entry) | |
| Physical Address |  | |
| Phone Number |  | |
| Email |  | |
| Story Title and Word Count |  | |

Submit this form with your entry by 5 pm 31 May 2023. If you submit more than one story, please complete a separate entry form for each submission.

Please put an X by the options you are choosing below:

[ ] $20 fee is payable for each submission for those 26 years and over

[ ] $10 fee is payable for each submission for those 18-25 years

[ ] $20 extra fee is payable for any submission requiring an assessment.

[ ] I am paying electronically to NBS Bank, account number **03-1354-0544245-00**

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*For either option, use your surname and ‘SSComp’ as references.*

**Please email entries to:** tetauihushortstory@gmail.com

**For more information:** [**www.topwriters.co.nz**](http://www.topwriters.co.nz/) **or email** [tosnzsa15@gmail.com](mailto:tosnzsa15@gmail.com)

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