



2023 Kalemba Short Story Prize - KSSP

Eligibility and entry rules

Please read these eligibility and entry rules before submitting your story.

Opening date

10 October -10 December 2022.

Entries submitted after 10 December 2022 will not be considered.

1. About the Prize

- a. The Kalemba Short Story Prize is an annual award for unpublished short fiction administered and funded by Ukusefya WORDS.
- b. The prize is open to Zambian nationals only, including those living outside Zambia.
- c. The judging panel comprise authors, publishers and editors.
- d. The winner will receive USD1500. Two run ups will receive USD500 each.
- e. The winner will be announced in 2023 on Kalemba digital platforms

2. Eligibility

- f. Entrants must be Zambian citizens (including in diaspora)

3. Entry rules

- g. Entries must be made by the writer.
- h. Entries are accepted via [online form](#)
- i. The deadline for receipt of entries is STRICTLY December 10, 2022
- j. Only one entry per writer may be submitted for the 2022 KSSP
- k. The story must be the entrant's own work.
- l. The story must be original and should not have been published anywhere in full or in part before May 2023 including in an anthology, magazine, book, newspaper and online.
- m. Entries previously submitted elsewhere are not eligible.
- n. Entries should be submitted in English. Entries in a Zambian language are only eligible with English translation submitted by the writer.
- o. Entries must be between 2000-5000 words. (Entries exceeding word limit will automatically be disqualified.)
- p. Entries should be submitted in a PDF or Word document, preferably PDF, saved under title of the story.
- q. The author's details should be included on the entry form. They must not be given anywhere on the uploaded document. All entries are judged anonymously.
- r. All entries should be submitted in Arial 11-point font and 1.5 line spacing. No handwritten entries.
- s. The story should be fiction. There are no restrictions on setting, genre or theme.
- t. Entrants agree as a condition of entry that Ukusefya WORDS may publicise a story that has been entered or shortlisted for the Prize.
- u. Copyright of each story remains with the writer. Ukusefya WORDS will have the unrestricted right to publish the winning or any stories including for promotional purposes.
- v. The winner will be expected to take part in publicity activities.
- w. Ukusefya WORDS reserves the right not to give the prize if none of the entries meet the acceptable standards.
- x. For any queries on entry or eligibility not covered above, please email info@ukusefya.com for clarification before submitting an entry. Frivolous queries, including on what is already covered in eligibility and rules will attract NO response.