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Anugerah Persuratan 2026 (Malay Literary Award 2026)

Frequently Asked Questions

About Anugerah Persuratan

The Malay Language Council, Singapore (MLCS) has been organising the **Anugerah Persuratan** since 1993 as a part of the Council's effort to recognise Malay language writers. Other than recognition of works, the event also aims to develop and encourage writers to produce works in the Malay language, encourage publication of high-quality works and promote Malay literature in the community.

1) Who is eligible to submit works for Anugerah Persuratan 2026 (AP 2026)?

The call for submission for AP 2026 is open to all Singapore citizens and Permanent Residents (PRs). The submission can be done by the publishers on behalf of their writers.

2) What are the genre categories for the Literary Awards?

There are six categories, namely Short Story, Essay/Literary Research, Novel, Poetry, Children's Literature (including picture books and children's novel) and Theatre (Stage Play). All works submitted must be published books with their own ISBN numbers.

For the Theatre (Stage Play) category, works that have been self-published without an ISBN but are commercially available, may be submitted.

For the Essay/Literary Research category, submissions must focus on literary-related topics, including but not limited to:

- Literary works and texts
- Writers and literary figures
- Literary movements, trends and developments
- The Malay literary scene and its developments

3) Which year of publications are eligible?

The works must be published in 2023, 2024 or 2025, either in Singapore or abroad, in a physical book format. It should also have its own ISBN number to ensure its eligibility.

4) Can I submit a work that I have translated into Malay?

Works submitted for AP 2026 must be originally written in Malay only.



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5) Are bilingual books eligible?

Only books written entirely in Romanised Malay (Bahasa Melayu Rumi) are eligible for submission. Bilingual publications and works published in multiple languages are not eligible for consideration.

6) My short story was published in the Malay newspaper, *Berita Harian*. Is my published short story eligible for AP 2026?

Single works will not be accepted nor assessed for AP 2026.

7) I am a self-published writer and have co-written a book with two other writers. Can we submit our book for AP 2026?

Anthologies can be submitted for AP 2026, as long as all contributing writers are Singapore citizens and/or PRs.

8) My book has not been published but my publisher has made plans to print it soon. Can I submit my manuscript now and the published book at a later date?

The organisers will only accept works that have been published in 2023, 2024 or 2025, and have their own ISBN number to ensure their eligibility.

9) How can I submit my work online?

All entries must be submitted via the online submission form [here](#). Please read through and ensure that you have understood the rules and regulations of AP 2026 to avoid incomplete and/or ineligible submissions.

10) What is the maximum file size that can be uploaded when filling up the online submission form?

Each file that is uploaded should not exceed 1GB.

11) I have tried to upload a digital copy of my work that I wish to submit for AP 2026 but was not successful. What can I do?

All submissions must be done via the online submission form [here](#). If you experience any issues uploading the digital copy of your work when filling up the form, please email Celine (celine@bookcouncil.sg) or Ashikin (programmes7@bookcouncil.sg).



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12) I do not have a digital copy of my work that I wish to submit for AP 2026. What can I do?

All submissions must include:

- a. A digital copy submitted through the online submission form; and
- b. Three (3) physical copies of the book submitted to the Secretariat at:

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Singapore 439053

(Please note that there is no lift access)

Physical copies may be delivered between **11 August and 15 September 2026**, Mondays to Fridays, during office hours (10.00am–6.00pm), excluding public holidays.

A submission will only be considered complete when both the digital copy and the required physical copies have been received by the Secretariat by the submission deadline. Incomplete submissions will not be accepted. All decisions are final.

13) When is the closing date for the call for submissions?

All digital and physical submissions must be received by Tuesday, 15 September 2026, 6pm. Submissions received after the deadline, or without both the required digital and physical copies, will not be accepted.

14) Can I submit more than one work for AP 2026?

Writers/Publishers can submit more than one work for AP 2026, as long as the works are published in 2023, 2024 or 2025. It should also have its own ISBN number to ensure its eligibility.

15) How is the adjudication process done?

Each category will be assessed by a panel of 2 judges. The judges' decisions are final and binding. No correspondence in relation to the judges' decisions will be entertained.

16) I have a question that is not addressed by any of the FAQs here. What can I do?

For more information or any further enquiries, please email Celine (celine@bookcouncil.sg) or Ashikin (programmes7@bookcouncil.sg). You can also contact Celine at 63425119.