

WRITING PRIZE 2024 REGULATIONS

Purpose

To foster and reward research and writing on the intersection of the law and issues of concern to women and/or women and children which encompass the wider objectives of AWLA.

Who Can Apply?

All law students (including LLB, LLB (Hons), LLM and PhD) at the University of Auckland and Auckland University of Technology.

Value

\$1,000 - payment will be made in a manner and on such conditions as the Auckland Women Lawyers' Association ("AWLA") in its sole discretion thinks fit.

The best entrant from each of the University of Auckland and Auckland University of Technology will be entered for selection for publication in the New Zealand Women's Law Journal — Te Aho Kawe Kaupapa Ture a ngā Wāhine ("NZWLJ"), alongside a student entrant from each of the other New Zealand universities. Selection for publication is at the discretion of the NZWLJ co-Editors-in-Chief.

Decision Makers

The 2024 Writing Prize ("Prize") is administered by the AWLA through a selection committee ("Selection Committee"). The Selection Committee will consist of at least three members of the AWLA Committee, including at least one of the President or Vice President of the AWLA.

The Selection Committee may also include a person appointed by the NZWLJ. This may be in the place of an AWLA Committee member or in addition to the three AWLA Committee members.

Requirements and Selection Criteria

The applicant must submit a 3,000-word essay on a topic relating to the intersection of the law and issues of concern to women and/or women and children, which complies with the New Zealand Law Style Guide. The word count is a maximum/limit with a 20% discount below. The essay must be accompanied by a covering letter and a 250-word abstract.

The applicant must also provide a completed application form and signed declaration statement.

The essay must not have been published or be under consideration for publication in any journal or law review outside of the NZWLJ.

In selecting the applicant, the Selection Committee will take into consideration (inter alia) the essay's alignment with the topic.

Suspension or Termination

The Selection Committee may at any time before payment suspend or terminate the payment of the Prize if it determines (in its sole discretion) that the successful candidate has failed to comply with any of the terms and conditions on which the Prize was awarded.

Awarding of Prize or entering an entrant for publication in the NZWLJ

The Prize will be awarded at an AWLA function to be held in late 2024. The successful applicant should be able to attend this function. The AWLA is under no obligation to award the prize or to enter an entrant for publication in the NZWLJ in the event the Selection Committee does not find any suitable applicant(s).

Amendment to Regulations

The Selection Committee may, if it thinks fit, relax or modify the application of any of these regulations in any special circumstances, or in order to avoid substantial hardship to any applicant.

How Do Students Apply?

The application form and relevant information is available for printing from the AWLA website at www.awla.org.nz or by emailing scholarships@awla.nz

Applications must be received by **midnight Sunday 3 November 2024**.