

My Brother Jack Awards 2025 – Frequently Asked Questions

Am I eligible to enter if I am a published writer?

To be eligible, entries must not have been previously published. Publication includes, but is not limited to, publication in print and online (for example in a journal/magazine/anthology or on a website). Publication on a personal blog/website does not constitute publication. If a story has been written and assessed as part of writing course but has not been distributed further, that also does not constitute publication.

My entry was shortlisted/commended for another Award. Can I still enter?

Yes! If your entry was shortlisted/commended for another award but was not published, then it can be entered. Please contact us if you are unsure about eligibility.

How do I determine my word count?

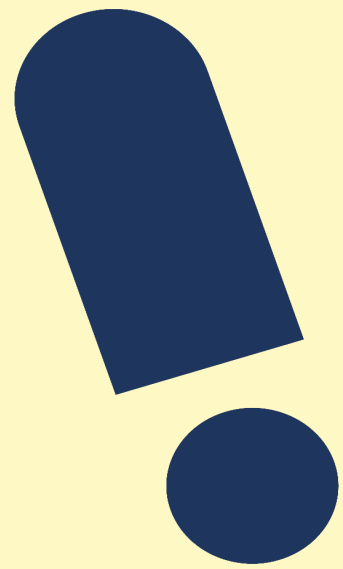
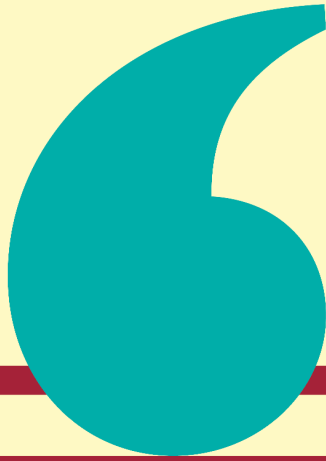
Count all words (except the title and page numbers)

How strict is the word/line limit?

Entries will be ineligible if they are 10% or more over the specified word or line limit. There is no minimum word count for entries.

Should I put my name on my entry?

All entries are sent to the judges with names removed. Please avoid putting your name anywhere on your entry.



How do I format my entry?

Entries are preferred on an A4 double-spaced PDF or Word document in minimum 12pt font (Arial or Times New Roman are preferred). We prefer at least a 1-inch (approx. 2.5cm) margin around all sides. Non-confirming entries will not be disqualified but taking some care with your formatting does make the judges' job a lot easier.

Can I include illustrations or pictures?

We do love pictures but please don't include any in your entry.

Can I edit or swap over an entry that I have already submitted?

No. Once an entry has been submitted, we do not accept edits, replacements or exchanges. If you wish to re-enter an edited piece, then it will be considered a new entry.

Can I enter more than one category? Or more than one entry per category?

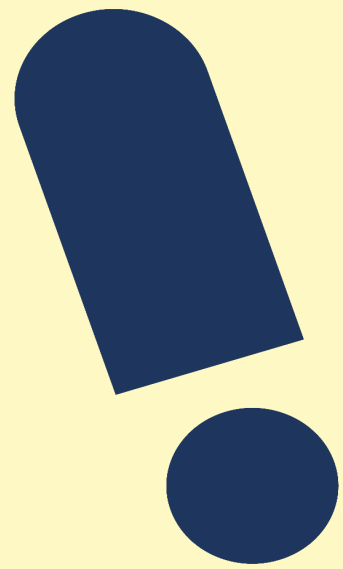
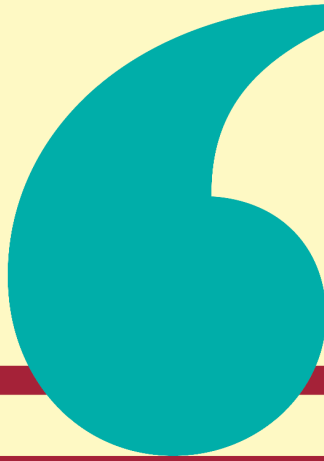
The answer to both questions is yes. But you are only eligible for one prize per category.

Can I submit an entry written with someone else?

Yes. You can submit an entry written in collaboration with someone else. But your writing partner must also be eligible to submit an entry in that category and any prize monies will be split evenly between you.

Can I get feedback on my entry?

Due to the large number of submissions, judges are unable to provide feedback on individual entries.



How will I know if my entry has been received?

You will get an automated response and a copy of your submission will be sent to your nominated email address. If you haven't received it within a few hours, check your junk inbox or email mybrotherjack@gleneira.vic.gov.au and we can double check for you.

Can I send my entry by post?

Entries must be submitted online. If you need help submitting an entry, please email mybrotherjack@gleneira.vic.gov.au or call Elle Credlin, My Brother Jack Coordinator on 9524 3626

How are the My Brother Jack Awards judged?

The Awards will be judged by a panel of industry professionals. The entries will be judged anonymously based on established criteria. The judges' decision is final, and no correspondence will be entered into.

How will I know if I have been shortlisted?

Shortlisted finalists will be notified via email on **Friday 22 August 2025**. If you are not contacted it means you weren't a finalist this year, but please make sure you come back in 2026 and have another go.

Where can I find the Terms and Conditions and Privacy Statement?

That's an easy one! You can find it under the 'How to Enter' section.