



THE MINARA AZIZ HASSIM LITERARY AWARD (MAHLA)

APPLICATION FORM

PERSONAL DETAILS

Name: _____

Surname: _____

Tel: _____

Email: _____

Cell: _____

Address: _____

Are you domiciled in KZN?

State yes or No : _____

**Are you an Employer of Minara Chamber
of Commerce ?**

State yes or No : _____

Are you related to any of the Judges?

State yes or No : _____

DETAILS OF BOOK ENTRY

Name of Book: _____

Category Entering

Debut: Main:

Indicate Genre you entering for

Fiction:

Creative Non Fiction:

Date of Submission: _____

Date of publication: (if applicable)

No of copies submitted: _____

Details of Submission: (Answer Yes or No)

My submission is a published book : _____

My submission is an unpublished, edited and
completed manuscript : _____

My submission follows the technical guidelines
required : _____

CURRICULUM VITAE

Is a copy attached to application : _____



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DECLARATION

I hereby declare that the details provided on the Application Form are accurate.

I declare, further, that I have read and accepted the rules governing the MAHLA competition, and agree to abide by them and any further rules issued thereafter.

Full Name : _____

Date : _____

Signature : _____

RULES AND GENERAL INFORMATION

1 WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO ENTER?

All South African citizens are eligible to enter.

N.B.

Employees of the Minara Chamber of Commerce and their immediate family members are not eligible to enter this competition.

The judges and their immediate family members are not eligible to enter this competition.

2. LITERARY GENRES TO BE JUDGED

FICTION (excluding short stories, plays, poetry and anthologies).

CREATIVE NON-FICTION (this includes biographies and auto-biographies, memoir, travel writing, and personal essays, and excludes textbooks and manuals). Entries in this genre should be of a suitable length.

3. IMPORTANT DATES

3. 1 SUBMISSION DATE

The competition opens on 31 August 2017 and closes on 14 December 2017.

3.2 QUALIFYING PERIOD

Works that were published between the period January 2016 and July 2017 may be submitted. Works published prior to this period will not be accepted.



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3.3 AWARD DATE

The Awards will be announced early in 2018.

4 PRIZES

Prizes will be awarded in either genre (FICTION OR CREATIVE NON-FICTION) in the following TWO categories:

MAIN PRIZE R 10000

The submission may be from a previously published author.

The submission may be a PUBLISHED BOOK or an UNPUBLISHED, EDITED and completed manuscript.

DEBUT PRIZE R5000

The Debut prize is for first-time writers.

The debut submission may be a PUBLISHED BOOK or an UNPUBLISHED, EDITED and completed manuscript.

5. SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS AND GUIDELINES

Submissions must be delivered to the offices of Minara Chamber of Commerce (MCC), situated at 45th Cutting, Sherwood, next to the Sufi Mosque.

Submissions may be couriered or posted.

8 hard copies must be submitted. **Copies will not be returned.** One copy will be retained by the MCC.

Publishers may submit works on behalf of the author, however, authors must fill in an Application Form and Declaration.

Texts must be typed. **No handwritten texts will be accepted.**

Page layout: where possible, font will be Times New roman, 12, double spacing, 2cm margin on all sides.

Unpublished manuscripts: every page must include the copyrighted title and name of author on the header.

A brief CV, with information on previous publications, if applicable, should be included.

The **category** (MAIN or DEBUT) for which the submission is to be judged, must be clearly stated on the application form.

The MCC and the judges do not undertake to publish any of the manuscripts.

The authors retain copyright of all work submitted. Manuscripts will be handled with complete confidentiality.

The judges' decisions are final and will be announced at the Awards ceremony.

DISCLAIMER

The Minara Chamber of Commerce which includes its Board of Directors and Sponsors is, however, absolved from any liability that might arise during the course of the Award process and thereafter.