



## NZSA Mentor Programme - Application Form 2016

### Contact and Personal Information

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Postal Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Postcode: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Membership No: \_\_\_\_\_ Membership expiry date: \_\_\_\_\_

### *Ethnicity (tick all that apply)*

- NZ European
- Maori
- European
- Pasifika
- Asian
- Other
- Prefer not to answer

### Project and Writing Details

1. Please indicate the genre you wish to apply under:

*e.g. Children's fiction, Young Adult fiction, Poetry, Short fiction, Non-fiction, Speculative Fiction (fantasy /SF), Contemporary Fiction, Literary Fiction, Historical Fiction, Biography/Memoir, Comic / Graphic Novel.*

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2. How much have you written / drawn so far on this project? *e.g. how many words of a fiction/non-fiction work, how many short stories/poems, how many pages of finished art etc.*

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3. How many revisions (drafts) has the work undergone?

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4. What do you hope to have accomplished with your project a year from now?

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5. How long have you been working in this particular genre?

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6. What (if any) published work do you have in this genre?

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7. What (if any) published work do you have in any other genre?

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## Expectations

1. What would you like to achieve from the mentorship?

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2. How will this project benefit by you having a mentor?

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## Mentor Request

To help us match you with a mentor tell us the names of three mentors listed on the Register that you would like to work with:

1. ....
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3. ....

You can also name a writer not on the Register with whom you would like to work and we will see if they are interested or available to participating in this programme.

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In consultation with the Selection Panelists, the National Office will appoint a suitable mentor for each successful applicant. We endeavour to match successful applicants to a mentor of their choice – and take location into consideration. However it is not always possible to give a mentee their first choice. An application must have a minimum of 2 mentor choices to be put forward for consideration.

## Please attach

- 4 printed copies of this application form
- A one paragraph biographical summary about yourself and your writing AND one paragraph about the goals you would like to achieve by having a mentor. (Up to one page | 1.5 spacing | 3 copies)
- A synopsis of the project you will be working on during the mentorship.  
(Up to one page | 1.5 spacing | 3 copies)
- A sample of your work-in-progress. (Up to ten pages of prose or up to 10 poems | double spaced | 3 copies)

NB: For comic books / graphic novels a script or detailed plan for the work and at least 5 pages of finished art | 3 copies

## Eligibility

- You need to be able to tick all the boxes to be eligible to apply
- Current paid up member of the NZ Society of Authors
- NZ Citizen and/or NZ Resident
- Over 18 (Under 18's apply for the Youth Mentorship Programme opening 3 February 2015)
- You have not previously received a mentorship from the NZ Society of Authors
- You have read the guidelines, understand the requirements and can commit to the mentorship which runs from April to November 2015

## Checklist

- 4 copies of completed application form
- 3 copies biography and goals (no more than one page)
- 3 copies of synopsis of project (no more than one page)
- 3 copies of a sample of writing from the work-in-progress (no more than 10 pages) OR 3 copies of finished art (no less than 5 pages)
- \$20 admin fee - Please circle method of payment                      Cheque/Cash                      Direct Credit
- If paying by direct credit the Bank account is 02-0112-0045385-00 NB: **Please include ref: Mentor Programme and your name**

## Process details:

1. Applications must be received by 5pm on Friday 5 February 2016. Applications received after this date will not be accepted. Email submissions will not be accepted.
2. Selected mentees will need to send their biography, goals, synopsis and sample of their project electronically as soon as they are notified their application has been successful.
3. All applicants will be notified whether they have been successful or not by late March 2015. Mentoring can begin at the convenience of both parties once matches have been confirmed.
4. Applications will not be returned.
5. Discussion regarding the selection panel's decision will not be entered into.

Return this form with application materials by 5pm, 5 February 2016 to:

NZ Society of Authors Mentor Programme  
PO Box 7701  
Wellesley St  
Auckland 1141

For further information contact Claire Hill or Jackie Dennis at the NZSA National Office (09) 379 4801 or [office@nzauthors.org.nz](mailto:office@nzauthors.org.nz)