

TU BOOKS ANNOUNCES THE FOURTH ANNUAL

NEW VISIONS AWARD



TU BOOKS, the middle grade and young adult imprint of LEE & LOW BOOKS, award-winning publisher of children's books, is pleased to announce the fourth **NEW VISIONS AWARD**. The award will be given for a middle grade or young adult novel by a writer of color. Established in 2012, the **NEW VISIONS AWARD** encourages writers of color to submit their work to a publisher that takes pride in nurturing new talent. Winning submissions that have been published include *Ink and Ashes* by Valynne Maetani, recipient of an honor citation from the Asian/Pacific American Librarians Association Award for Literature and *The Amaterasu Project* by Axie Oh, due for publication in 2017.

Eligibility:

1. The contest is open to writers of color who are residents of the United States, 18 years of age or older at the time of entry, and who have **not** previously had a middle grade or young adult novel published.
2. Writers who have published work in other venues such as children's magazines or picture books, or adult fiction or nonfiction, **are** eligible. Only unagented manuscripts will be accepted.
3. Work that has been published in its entirety in any format (including online and self publishing as well as other countries) is **not** eligible.
4. Manuscripts previously submitted for this award or to TU BOOKS will not be considered.

Submissions:

1. Manuscripts should address the needs of children and teens of color by providing stories with which they can identify and relate, and which promote a greater understanding of one another. Themes relating to LGBTQ+ topics or disabilities may also be included.
2. Submissions may be **any fictional genre** novels for children ages 8 to 12 or young adults ages 12 to 18. We are particularly interested in literary fantasy and science fiction, but also welcome contemporary, historical, mystery, suspense, and genre fusions. Graphic novel scripts for these categories are also welcome. Nonfiction will not be considered.
3. Submissions should include a synopsis of the story plus the first three to five (3-5) chapters, not to exceed 10,000 words in length. For graphic novels, include the equivalent of 24-30 scripted pages. Include 6-10 pages of final art samples and optional character sketches in PDF format **only** if you are an author/illustrator.
4. Submissions should be accompanied by a cover letter that includes the author's name, address, phone number, email address, brief biographical note, relevant cultural and ethnic information, how the author heard about the award, and publication history, if any. **Do not send the entire manuscript.**
5. Manuscripts should be composed in a clear 12-point font, double-spaced, saved as a Word document. Submissions will not be returned.
6. Up to two submissions per entrant. Each submission should be submitted separately.
7. Submissions should be submitted online at tubooks.submittable.com/submit in the **New Visions Award category**. You will receive a confirmation email stating your submission was received.
8. **Manuscripts may not be submitted to other publishers, mentorship contests, writing contests, or to TU BOOKS general submissions while under consideration for this award.**
9. TU BOOKS is not responsible for late, lost, or incorrectly delivered submissions. Be sure you leave enough time to resubmit if technical difficulties occur.

Dates for Submission: Submissions will be accepted from **June 1, 2016**, through **October 31, 2016**, and must be submitted within that period. The submissions site will be only open from midnight, June 1, to midnight, Oct. 31. Please make sure to give yourself plenty of time to allow uploading.

Prize: The Award winner receives a cash prize of \$1,000 and our standard publication contract, including our basic advance and royalties for a first time author. An Honor Award winner will receive a cash prize of \$500.

Announcement of the Award:

1. Finalists will be notified and full manuscripts requested no later than January 31, 2017. If your full manuscript is requested, it must be received by TU BOOKS by Feb 19, 2017.
2. Submissions will not be returned. Be sure to retain a copy of your submission.
3. Judges are the editors of TU BOOKS and LEE & LOW BOOKS. The decision of the judges is final.
4. The Award and Honor winners will be selected from among the full manuscripts requested and will be announced no later than April 30, 2017. At least one Honor winner will be chosen each year, but TU BOOKS reserves the right not to choose an Award winner.
5. For FAQ and previous winners, visit leeandlow.com/writers-illustrators/new-visions-award.