

Brisbane Writers Festival Youth Ambassador

ROLE DESCRIPTION

The Youth Ambassadors will champion the youth programs and events. They will be passionate about children's and young adult literature. The role will involve the curation, marketing and/or hosting of selected Word Play and Love YA events.

KEY RESPONSIBILITIES

Successful applicants will be invited to participate in an initial round-table conversation in which key duties will be identified. Each Youth Ambassador's responsibilities will include at least one of the following roles:

Program Curation

- Attendance at Youth Ambassador round table and two to four further curation meetings
- Feedback on artist shortlist and program curation
- Briefing of panel chairs and running of practice event

Marketing

- Attendance at Youth Ambassador round table
- Contribution of 3 posts (e.g., article, book review, author interview) in the lead up to the Festival
- Contribution of 1 article to the BWF blog reviewing the Festival

Hosts/Chairs

- Attendance at Youth Ambassador round table
- Working with the curators, develop questions for event
- Participation in practice event during March–April
- Hosting of a youth programs event live during Festival (introducing authors, moderating audience Q&A, and potentially chairing the panel)

General

- Attendance at relevant meetings (no more than one per month, to be held online unless otherwise notified, during a weekday afternoon)
- Attend at least three events at Word Play and/or Love YA (tickets will be provided)
- Post-event summary/blog/vlog/photo essay
- Represent BWF in a respectful and courteous manner with consideration for its public role as a leader in Queensland's reading and writing community

PROGRAM BENEFITS

The Ambassador will receive:

- Program preview
- Complimentary tickets to selected BWF events, including parent/carer tickets for ambassadors under 18
- Access to artists and relevant Festival staff for interviews, where available (permission and scheduling of interviews is at artist discretion)
- Experience in programming and marketing events
- Opportunity to present at the Festival
- Copies of a selection of books promoted at Word Play and Love YA
- Certificate of participation

Criteria

- Age: 14-24 years
- Experience: Demonstrated interest in children's/YA literature
- Skills: High level communication skills; Ability to connect with peer audience
- Active in reading communities, e.g., blogging, social media, book clubs

Selection Process

Applicants will be assessed on the following:

- Brief (one-page) cover letter detailing why you are interested in being a BWF Youth Ambassador
- A text or video review of a book, movie, or event; OR An outline of an event you would like to see at BWF 2022. Text documents: Attach as a PDF. Video: Share file via Dropbox or compressed folder.
- Demonstration of your interest in children's/young adult fiction. E.g., letter from a teacher or librarian, evidence of active participation in reading communities (book club, Goodreads, Booktok/Bookstagram/Booktube, etc.)
- If under 18: Parent/guardian permission to participate in the Ambassador program and relevant media opportunities (as per below letter)

Application Process

To apply for this role, please email the above documents to the Program Manager for Youth & Online at emily.bowman@bwf.org.au. **Applications close end of day Friday 11th November 2022.**

Shortlisted applicants will be phoned for a brief interview between 14 and 25 November.

For more information, please contact Emily on emily.bowman@bwf.org.au or (07) 3216 0694.

Thank you for your interest in becoming one of Brisbane Writers Festival's 2023 Youth Ambassadors. We look forward to receiving your application.



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I, _____ (full name of parent or guardian), give permission for my child,
_____ (full name of applicant), to apply for the 2023 Brisbane Writers Festival
Youth Ambassador Program. I understand that if my child is appointed as a BWF Ambassador, they will be expected
to meet the key responsibilities outlined overleaf.

Signed,

(Signature)

(Date)

(Phone number)