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Applications now open for the Alaska Literary Awards

The Alaska Arts and Culture Foundation, in partnership with the Alaska State Council on the Arts (ASCA), is pleased to announce the Alaska Literary Awards, a new program to support Alaska writers.

The Alaska Literary Awards will recognize and support writers of poetry, fiction, creative nonfiction, playwriting, screenwriting, and mixed genres. Any Alaska writer over the age of 18 is eligible to apply. Quality of the work submitted is the primary consideration in determining who receives the awards. There are no restrictions on the writer's use of the award and no formal report is required.

A select number of \$5,000 fellowships for Alaska literary artists will be awarded each fall, beginning this year. The application is now open, and the deadline is **Tuesday, September 2, 2014** at 9:59 pm AKDT.

To apply, go to: <http://bit.ly/AKliteraryawards>.

The Alaska Literary Awards are sponsored by Peggy Shumaker and Joe Usibelli.

The Alaska Arts and Culture Foundation's mission is to develop resources and provide services to support the arts in Alaska and advance the mission of the Alaska State Council on the Arts.

The Alaska State Council on the Arts is a division of the Alaska Department of Education and Early Development, and is governed by eleven council members appointed by the Governor. It is supported with general funds appropriated by the Alaska State Legislature and the National Endowment for the Arts, with additional support for arts education programs from the Rasmuson Foundation.

The mission of the Alaska State Council on the Arts (ASCA) is to foster the development of the arts for all Alaskans through education, partnerships, grants and services.

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