

The Heritage Writers' Reserve award provides Edmonton's writers, researchers, and historians with funding to advance the publication and dissemination of book projects that explore aspects of Edmonton's history and heritage. The award can be received at different stages of project development, with the goal of sharing the final outcomes of completed research and writing with the community. Writers may use the prize to fund editing, book design, publication, touring, or promotion.

Eligibility Requirements

The award is open to residents of the Edmonton Metropolitan Region. Recipients can self-nominate or be nominated by a member of the community.

Manuscripts may be non-fiction or memoir, with content that brings focus to Edmonton stories, particularly those from voices less heard.

This award does not fund the writing or research portions of the project. The manuscript must be in development or near completion. A selection of completed draft chapters and a full outline of the manuscript are required as part of the submission.

Both self-published and traditionally published books are eligible for the award.

Submission Process

Submission for the Heritage Writers' Reserve is a two-stage process.

1. The nominator must submit a completed Nomination Form to grants@edmontonheritage.ca by **April 2, 2021 at 4:00pm**. The nominee can self-nominate for the award.
2. EHC Grants Staff will contact the nominee to request the following:
 - Completed Nominee Form
 - Book outline/Table of Contents
 - Minimum of two draft chapters
 - CV/resume
 - Two letters of support from individuals familiar with the nominee's work

Assessment Process

- Assessment of all eligible submissions will be adjudicated by a community jury with appropriate heritage and literary expertise, recruited and facilitated by the Edmonton Heritage Council.
- Draft manuscripts will be evaluated on writing – creativity, wordsmithing, and originality – as well as comprehensiveness of heritage research practice.
- The jury will also assess the extent to which the work contributes to existing scholarship and adds to available knowledge about Edmonton's heritage.
- The jury may provide feedback on various aspects of the project, including the manuscript itself. Jurors will not provide edits, only general or over-arching comments for consideration.
- The jury makes final funding recommendations to the EHC's Board of Directors.
- Decisions will be made in alignment with EHC's Equity Policy.
- If, in the opinion of the community jury, no submitted nomination merits an award, no award will be given in that year.

Award Recipient Expectations

In receiving the award, the recipient commits to:

- Acknowledging the EHC in all promotional materials.
- Providing EHC with a high-resolution photo and short bio for distribution through EHC channels.
- Providing EHC Staff with sufficient notice regarding special events, launches, and press and media opportunities.
- Being available for media opportunities coordinated by EHC as required.