

Submission Guidelines for Literature Awards 2026

General Rules

- Please read these Rules & Terms carefully before you submit your project. By submitting your project into competition in the YathaKatha Film & Literature Festival, you expressly acknowledge and agree that you shall be bound by the terms of these rules & regulations.
- Submitting your work to the YathaKatha Film & Literature Festival is not a guarantee of selection. All the official selection, nominees and the winners will be listed on our website permanently. All the winning projects will receive a trophy, award or certificate.
- Please note that we do not offer application fee waivers. We treat every submitter equally.
- We accept all genres in any language, only with English subtitles. Projects in English language with English subtitles are appreciable for a possible screening during the Annual Public Event that will take place in Mumbai, India in 2026.
- After a project has been selected as a nomination, the submitter will be notified via FilmFreeway or via email. It means that you are now eligible for the awards and you can use our Official Laurels on your poster.
- Entry fees are non-refundable. Multiple entries are allowed for each submitter and each entry may be submitted to multiple categories with separate submission fees.
- A submitter's submission fee will not be reimbursed if they decide to withdraw their submission. All entry fees are non-refundable.
- The festival reserves the right to refuse entries. The Jury can remove the project from the competition at any time without any explanation.
- Festival will host book reviews, award ceremony, talks, panel discussions, poetry readings, performances, writing workshops, and interactive experiences.
- Jury's decision will be final and acceptable to all the participants.
- The team of the festival has the power to waive any of the mentioned rules.

The Festival

The **5th Edition** of YathaKatha Film & Literature Festival will take place between **07th to 10th October 2026**, at **Usha Pravin Gandhi College of Arts, Science & Commerce, Vile Parle**, Mumbai, Maharashtra, India. In case of any pandemic kind restrictions during the time of festival, the entire festival will be conducted online with a stream of YouTube and Facebook.

Submission Deadlines

Submissions Open	10th February 2026
Early Bird Deadline	30th April 2026
Regular Deadline	30th June 2026
Late Deadline	31st August 2026
Extended Deadline	30th September 2026
Nomination Date	01st October 2026

The Prize

- All the winners will receive an exclusively designed trophy at the award night and those who cannot attend the physical event, will get a digital certificate.
- The winners will be featured on our website for a long period of time.
- Best books and authors may get a chance to showcase their work on our website and our team will help them to monetize their work commercially.
- All shortlisted books will be reviewed/ featured in a special issue of yearly YathaKatha Diary, post event.

Who can Submit – Anyone Worldwide (International Participants can submit their work via Film Freeway <https://filmfreeway.com/YathaKathaFilmandLiteratureFestival> and send their book via email in PDF formats.

Submission Fee - Submission fee for **Publisher Of The Year Award**.

<u>FEE</u>	<u>INR</u>	<u>DOLLOR (\$)</u>
Early Bird Submission	10000	110
Regular Submission	20000	221
Late Submission	30000	331
Extended Submission	50000	553

Submission Fee - Submission fee for rest all the categories is same. Categories are:- **Best Book Fiction | Best Book Non-Fiction | Best Short Stories | Best Book on Management | Best Educational Book | Best Coffee Table Book | Best Graphic Novel | Best Comic Book | Best Poetry Book | Best Children Book | Best Debut Writer | Best Writer Male | Best Writer Female**

<u>FEE</u>	<u>INR</u>	<u>DOLLOR (\$)</u>
Early Bird Submission	2700	30
Regular Submission	4000	45
Late Submission	6500	70
Extended Submission	9000	100

How to Pay

Pay online via a digital transfer to the bank account given below. Or Submit via film freeway through the link mentioned:

<https://filmfreeway.com/YathaKathaFilmandLiteratureFestival>

Bank Account Details:

ACCOUNT NAME	YATHAKATHA PRIVATE LIMITED
BANK NAME	STATE BANK OF INDIA
ACCOUNT NUMBER	40050301862
ACCOUNT TYPE	CURRENT
IFSC CODE	SBIN0008075
MICR CODE	400002090
BRANCH	MATRU CHAYA BUILDING, EVERSHINE NAGAR, MALAD WEST, MUMBAI - 400064

What to Submit

- One (1) hard copy of the book
- Filled submission form, download the submission form from the website, fill it and submit it along with other material. A scanned copy of filled form can also be submitted.
- Author's bio
- A high-resolution pic of the book cover page
- Press kit (if any)

Submission Material Send to:

All submission materials must be sent fully prepaid by the sender. Post with Acknowledgement Due or courier to:

Address For Courier

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Literature Award Categories

Publisher Of the Year Award

Best Book Fiction

Best Book Non-Fiction

Best Short Stories

Best Book on Management

Best Educational Book

Best Coffee Table Book

Best Graphic Novel

Best Comic Book

Best Poetry Book

Best Children Book

Best Debut Writer

Best Writer Male

Best Writer Female

Other Guidelines

- You can also submit your unreleased or unpublished work to the festival as well.
- Anyone from India or outside can submit their literary work in the festival.
- Any length (Number of Pages) work can be submitted. Any Language work can be submitted.

- Incomplete submissions will not be considered. Please make sure you include all materials. Your submission will not be considered complete until we have received all required materials and the entry fee.
- Please submit your work in the right category, carefully choosing from the categories list.
- Multiple entries will be accepted with a separate fee and submission details. There is no limitation on the number of submissions in each category. In other words, a publisher may send books by multiple authors across categories.
- Literature (Books) should be in Hindi, English or in any other language.
- If you would like to be part of YathaKatha Film & Literature Festival 2026, ask your publisher to get in touch with us by completing our submission guidelines.
- If you are a self-published writer, a local writer's group, please take a look at how to apply to be part of our festival. For any support/information please get in touch with us via Contact Us form available at our website or else write us at yathakathafestival@gmail.com
- Pitches from small, independent are welcomed as much as those from major publishing houses.
- Books are accepted to the festival from submissions on a rolling basis; we advise sending us your submission the earliest you are able to. This will help our jury to evaluate your submission with a great amount of time.
- Submit One (1) copy of a finished book/ manuscript
- A press kit with clippings and reviews and an author bio, including past publications when applicable, and any other information that often helps us evaluate the submission.
- A cover letter (no more than a page). Please include any additional information if needed, anything else we should know to best evaluate your submission.
- Materials will not be returned. Entries are non-transferable at any stage.
- Each entry should be the author's original work. Books will be received in good faith, and plagiarism checks should be done by the publisher before submitting a book or multiple books.
- All books entered must have a registered ISBN number or equivalent indicator recognised by international book repositories.
Only Soft copies of book will also be accepted for adjudication.
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