

The Good Oil 2023 Writers' Award

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Entries are invited for The Good Oil 2023 Writers' Award, an initiative of the Sisters of the Good Samaritan, which aims to support and encourage the development of emerging and published writers.

The theme for this year's award is ***Finding My Voice***.

The Good Oil's editorial vision is to nourish the spirit, stimulate thinking, promote social justice, and encourage reflection and dialogue about issues of the day from a Christian, Catholic, Good Samaritan perspective. To view current and past editions of *The Good Oil*, click [here](#).

Entry is free and open to writers aged 18 and over. Only online entries will be eligible.

Entrants are invited to submit a single piece of writing on the theme ***Finding My Voice***, adopting one of the following styles:

Reflection – creative writing or first person reflective writing

Opinion – first person personal opinion

Profile – profile of a person based on an interview and research

News feature – issues-based article written in journalistic style

Length: 800-1200 words for articles. This word count does not apply to poems.

A judging panel will award first, second and third place. The prize for the winning entry will be \$600; second \$400; third \$200.

The submission must be the entrant's original work, written in English, and must not have been published previously in any forum (including web sites and blogs).

Entry is open to residents of Australia, Kiribati, the Philippines and Japan – countries where the Sisters of the Good Samaritan live and minister.

Entries close at 5pm AEST on Friday August 18, 2023.

Entrants must have read and accepted all conditions outlined in The Good Oil 2023 Writers' Award Guidelines. For more information and to submit an entry, click [here](#).