



Judging Panels 2026 – Expression of Interest

1. Please read the general information sheet regarding judges' responsibilities and timelines for the judging panel(s) you are applying for.
2. If you feel you are able to meet these requirements and are suitably qualified for the task, complete this application/conflict of interest form.
3. Please submit the form along with a brief resume (maximum 3 pages) outlining your relevant experience and expertise, and a covering letter explaining what you feel you can contribute to the judging panel.
4. Your application must be emailed to childrensawards@nzbookawards.org.nz by **5pm on Thursday 30 October 2025**.

Name:

Iwi affiliations (if applicable):

Residential Address:

Email:

Ph:

Mobile:

Please indicate below which judging panel you are applying for:

- ☐ English and bilingual
- ☐ Te reo Māori (Te Kura Pounamu)

IMPORTANT: Declaration of Conflict of Interest

If any of the situations listed below apply to you, you are deemed to have a conflict of interest, and are ineligible to sit on the 2026 judging panels. If they do not apply, please print your name and sign below.

a) You have worked on a book published between 1 April 2025 and 31 March 2026 that may be entered in the 2026 New Zealand Book Awards for Children and Young Adults (either as an author, contributor, editor, illustrator, translator or publisher).

b) You have a close personal or professional relationship with an author or publisher who has a book being submitted for the 2026 Awards.

c) Any other factor that would conflict your role as an impartial judge.

I, (print name) _____, **do not** have a conflict of interest that will impact on my role as part of the Judging Panel for the New Zealand Book Awards for Children and Young Adults 2026.

Signature:

Date: