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Submissions Period Is Open for the Speculative Literature Foundation's 2021 Diverse Writers Grant and the Diverse Worlds Grant.

July 2021—The Speculative Literature Foundation is now accepting applications for the 2021 Diverse Writers Grant and Diverse Worlds Grant. Applications will be open through July 31st, 2021.

The \$500 **Diverse Writers Grant** is intended to support writers of speculative fiction who are from underrepresented and underprivileged groups, such as writers of color, women, queer writers, disabled writers, etc. — those whose marginalized identities may present additional obstacles in the writing / publishing process. For more information about the Diverse Writers Grant, or to apply, <u>click here</u>.

The \$500 **Diverse Worlds Grant** is intended for work that best presents a diverse world, regardless of the writer's background. For more information about the Diverse Worlds Grant, or to apply, <u>click here</u>.

Each grant is intended to support the SLF's mission of promoting literary quality in speculative fiction. Grants are awarded by a jury of SLF staff on the basis of merit. All of our grants are free to apply, and are designed as 'gateway' grants, with easy and straightforward applications that should be quick to complete. We hope that they will both serve the community directly, and also encourage genre writers to explore the wide variety of grants, awards, and residencies available in the larger writing community.

Additional information about all of the SLF's grants, including specific application guidelines, can be found at <u>speculativeliterature.org/grants</u>. Grant applications are open to all: you do not need to be a member of SLF to apply for or receive a grant.

Founded in January 2004 to promote literary quality in speculative fiction, the all-volunteer Speculative Literature Foundation is led by Mary Anne Mohanraj and 30 other committed volunteers. The Foundation maintains a comprehensive website offering information for readers, writers, editors and publishers of speculative fiction, develops book lists and outreach materials for schools and libraries, and raises funds for redistribution to other organizations in the field, as well as five awards made annually to writers. For more information, visit speculativeliterature.org.

The SLF is a 501(c)3 non-profit, entirely supported by community donations. If you'd like to be involved with our efforts, please consider joining us as a member for \$2/month, at <u>speculativeliterature.org/membership</u>.

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