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2023 Diverse Writers and Diverse Worlds Grants

June 2023 – The Speculative Literature Foundation is pleased to announce the opening of their 2023 Diverse Writers and Diverse Worlds Grants.

Since 2014, the SLF has offered two diversity-centered grants intended to foster the creation of speculative fiction work rich in diversity. Writers may apply for either or both grants.

The Diverse Writers grant intends to support speculative fiction writers from underrepresented and underprivileged groups—such as writers of color, women, queer writers, disabled writers, etc.—whose marginalized identities may present additional obstacles in writing and publishing. The Diverse Worlds grant is for work that best offers a diverse world, regardless of the writer’s background.

The submission window for these grants runs through July, with the goal being a winner to be announced by September 15th. The Diverse Writers and Diverse Worlds Grants award \$500 each.

Submissions need not be centered around identity issues but must be a sample from a book-length work of speculative fiction. Applicants should submit selections from upcoming works and works in progress rather than already completed and published works. Applicants from various levels of publishing experience and backgrounds are encouraged to apply; however, please keep in mind that the jury will be primarily English-reading.

Applications must include a project description, a cover letter, and a writing sample capped at 5,000 words. Those applying to the Diverse Writers grant should also have a statement on the relevant aspects of their background in their cover letter.

Interested parties may apply on the SLF site.

Launched in January 2004 to promote literary quality in speculative fiction, the Speculative Literature Foundation addresses historical inequities in access to literary opportunities for marginalized writers. Our staff and board are committed to representing racial, gender, and class diversity at all levels of our organization. This commitment is at the heart of what the Speculative Literature Foundation stands for: equal access to create and advance science fiction, fantasy, and horror literature. We strive to enable writers at any stage of their career and of any age, any ethnicity, any gender expression, from any location and of any economic or social status, who want to learn about, or create within, the speculative arts.

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 speculativeliterature.org/membership.

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