

# SILLERMAN FIRST BOOK PRIZE FOR AFRICAN POETS



AFRICAN POETRY  
BOOK FUND

## PRIZE

The winner receives USD \$1000 and publication through the African Poetry Book Series.

## ELIGIBILITY

An “African writer” is taken to mean someone who was born in Africa, who is a national or resident of an African country, or whose parents are African.

The African Poetry Book Series only accepts submissions from African writers who have not published a book-length poetry collection. This includes self-published books if they were sold online, in stores, or at readings. Writers who have edited and published an anthology or a similar collection of other writers’ work remain eligible.

No past or present paid employees of the University of Nebraska Press or Amalion Press, or current faculty, students, or employees of the University of Nebraska, are eligible for the prizes.

## WHEN TO SEND

Manuscripts are accepted annually between September 15 and November 15.

## JUDGING

Semi-finalists are chosen by members of the African Poetry Book Series Advisory Board. The final manuscript is chosen by Series Editor, Kwame Dawes.

## ENTRY FEE

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## NOTIFICATION

The winner is announced on the African Poetry Book Fund website on or before January 1. Results are emailed shortly thereafter.

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For guidelines or to submit online: [africanpoetrybf.unl.edu](http://africanpoetrybf.unl.edu)