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## **City writer of Wels**

**1<sup>st</sup> September – 30<sup>th</sup> November 2026**

For the 12<sup>th</sup> time, the city of Wels is looking for a city writer. The three-month scholarship is aimed at writers of all ages.

As part of this scholarship, accommodation in Wels will be provided. The amount of the scholarship is € 1.300.00 per month.

The aim of the call for applications is to support writers who

- have a strong contemporary relevance in their work.
- demonstrate artistic independence.
- refer in their work to children and young people and the realities of their lives.
- want to convey the joy of language and the playful use of it to children and young people, e.g. the realisation of a writing workshop for children between the ages of eight and 14.
- partner with an upper school class and work with them on literary projects.

Authors who have already held the position of Wels City Writer are not eligible to apply.

### **Criteria:**

- Basic knowledge of the German language desired.
- At least one independent literary publication (not self-published) or five publications in magazines or anthologies.
- Willingness to engage in a dialogue in Wels.
- Willingness to participate in readings, school visits, discussions.
- Interest in children's literary work and writing pedagogical ideas.

**Documents for submission (electronic):**

- Curriculum vitae
- Information on your literary career
- Two publication samples (max. ten pages per text sample, for foreign-language publications additionally translation samples)

**Selection:**

The selection will be made by a three-member jury in July 2026.

**Deadline for submissions:**

Monday, 15<sup>th</sup> of June 2026

Please send submissions exclusively electronically to

[kultur@wels.gv.at](mailto:kultur@wels.gv.at)

**Data protection**

By participating in the competition, applicants for the "City Writer of Wels" agree that their personal data may be stored electronically for the purpose of the selection procedure and for further processing in the Department Kultur und Wissen of the City of Wels and that the submitted documents may be transmitted to the expert jury for evaluation.

By being awarded the scholarship, the City Writer of Wels consents to his/her data being stored and to being named in public reports and on the city's website in accordance with the General Data Protection Regulation.

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