

ROSCOMMON CHAPBOOK AWARD 2025

The Roscommon Chapbook Bursary has been established to assist Roscommon writers with the costs associated with publishing a modest collection of poems (15 – 20) or a compact collection of short stories (3 – 6). One award of €600 will be offered in 2025.

The 2025 competition will be adjudicated by Una Mannion.

Una Mannion is based in County Sligo. Her debut novel *A Crooked Tree* made the Irish bestsellers list, was shortlisted for the Irish Book Awards and the Dalkey Emerging Writer Award and won the Kate O'Brien Prize. Her second novel *Tell Me What I Am* was shortlisted for the Encore Awards and was the winner of the prestigious Gold Dagger at the CWA Dagger Awards. She edits *The Cormorant*, a Sligo broadsheet of poetry and prose. In September 2024, Una joined the Oscar Wilde Centre and English Department at Trinity College Dublin teaching creative writing.



Deadline for entries is 4pm Monday 26th May 2025

The Roscommon Chapbook Award Competition Rules

- All applicant writers must have a connection with the county of Roscommon (born in, living in, currently working in, went to school in).
- A typical length of a chapbook is 30 pages. This is a guideline only, though submissions that fall considerably short of this, or which are considerably longer, may not be considered suitable.
- All applicants will be advised of Council's decisions in writing.
- All applications must include:
 - The completed Application Form
 - Proposed content of the chapbook (poems or stories)
 - A current biography and/or CV, outlining details of career to date.
- There is no entry fee. All entries must be received by 4pm Monday 26th May 2025.
- Roscommon County Council reserves the right not to award a bursary should the submissions, in the opinion of the adjudicator and the Council, not achieve a sufficiently high standard.
- Email your entry to: artsofficer@roscommoncoco.ie Title your email ROSCOMMON CHAPBOOK AWARD 2025

Application forms are available here:

<http://www.roscommoncoco.ie/en/services/community/arts-office/literature.html>

The name of the successful writer will be announced in local media, social media and online at http://www.roscommoncoco.ie/en/Services/Comm_Ent/Arts_Office/literature.html

The date of the Bi-annual Awards Ceremony will be announced in 2026.