

WA Music Awards 2026

TERMS & CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

1. GENERAL

The 2026 WA Music Award Nominations are an awards night to celebrate excellence in the West Australian Music scene and is open for activity from an artist, organisation, band or individual that has occurred between the 1st June 2025 and the 1st December 2026.

a. Organisation

The West Australian Music Industry Association Limited (WAM) organises and produces the WA Music Awards, an annual celebration of excellence in the West Australian Music industry.

b. Independence

Judging of submissions, and selection of category nominees and winners, is undertaken by panels of judges that are independent of WAM and comply with WAM's Conflict of Interest and Eligibility Policy.

c. Eligibility

Entries must comply with WAM's Conflict of Interest and Eligibility Policy. Entries which do not comply with this policy will be excluded from the awards process.

d. Entries – Submissions

- i. WAM Awards are exclusively open to residents of Western Australia (WA).
- ii. All nominees must have been based in WA for the majority of the nomination period.
- iii. The closing date for nominations will be 7th October 2026.
- iv. WAM reserves the right to not issue awards for categories with insufficient nominations or for any other reason.
- v. Nominators must provide contact information and provide further information if requested by WAM.
- vi. All entrants agree to have their details, information and work/s made available to third parties to carry out the project and satisfy program sponsors.
- vii. WAM reserves the right to exclude entries based on inappropriate content or discriminatory content.
- viii. WAM reserves the right to exclude entries or withdraw based on potential reputational risks to WAM and our event sponsors or partners.
- ix. WAM and the judging panels decisions are final, and no correspondence will be entered into. WAM accepts no responsibility for lost, late, stolen, damaged, disqualified or misdirected entries. WAM reserves the right to authenticate entries or information and to disqualify any entrant.

e. Judging

The judging panels are made up of music industry professionals from across Australia and overseas.

- i. WAM will prescribe a conflict-of-interest framework for the judging panels.
- ii. No correspondence will be entered into regarding the outcomes of judging decisions.
- iii. WAM will publish the judges for each categories after the conclusion of the awards.

2. NOMINEES & PRIZE-WINNERS

a. Category Nominees & Winners

- i. Reasonable efforts will be taken to inform entrants that they have been nominated.
- ii. Finalist's song/s may be made available for download for promotional purposes to media outlets only. To opt out of this term, entrants must notify WAM in writing. Entrants who do not opt out will have their work available for private downloads for official media promotion purposes only (including but not limited to radio airplay and social media use by WAM).
- iii. All category finalists will be asked to provide a photo and bio for promotional use and will be considered for media opportunities relating to the event.
- iv. WAM will contact all finalists to ensure that the work/works are original and that the correct acknowledgements are given to those involved in projects (eg. Album of the year). The responsibility for ensuring the appropriate and correct acknowledgements are will be the responsibility of the finalists.
- v. Prize-winners will be announced at the Awards Night, except where WAM is aware that circumstances require significant pre-planning by an award winner.

3. SUBMISSIONS

Entries are open at **9am on the 14th August 2026** and close at **11:59pm on the 7th October 2026** (unless extended).

Submissions must:

- i. Only online entries will be accepted through the awards platform.
- ii. Provide all information requested by WAM.
- iii. All links to external evidence including news websites, drop boxes, or drives must be accessible to judges without requiring login details or tracking the details of the judges.
- iv. An individual or artist may be entered into multiple categories.