



GENERAL RULES 2016

Entry Mechanics & Requirements:

Entry forms must be downloaded from www.christianawards.co.za/generalrules completed and hand delivered or posted/couriered to Mzansi Christian Offices | Unit A1 – A3 Halfway Gardens Office Park | Cnr. Fred Verseput & Asparagus Roads | Halfway Gardens Ext 4, Midrand.

All queries must be e-mailed to awards@raaloe.co.za or call 011 036 5869/079 107 4651.

*Entries must reach Raaloe Media Offices by no later than the published closing date being the **29 July 2016**

Eligibility for Entry:

Entries are open to all South African Christian Creatives & Entertainers (Musicians, Actors, Presenters, Inspirational Speakers, Comedians, Sports Stars, Radio Hosts & Industry Professionals, etc.) unless specified.

All full products submitted for the **Mzansi Christian Awards** must be your latest released work in South Africa during the period **26 March 2015 to 12 June 2016**.

Unless otherwise stated, music awards are presented for album releases. An album must be available in a compact disc containing a minimum of 5 (Five) different and previously unreleased sound recordings by the artist or group in question (in other words, no re-released albums or “best of” albums); and not less than 30 (thirty) minutes of previously unreleased recorded performance.

PROCESS

Key awards process:

A Creative Minister/Entertainer may be entered into multiple categories and 2 copies of the CD are required for each category entered for.

Entries received are then screened for compliance with the relevant rules and to check whether such entries are entered in the correct categories. The purpose of this process, known as vetting, is to ensure that each entry is eligible, in the right



category and is not at risk of disqualification. **Mzansi Christian Awards 2016** representatives perform this function. No artistic or technical judgments are made about entries at this stage.

Entries into incorrect categories are recommended for placement in the appropriate categories during vetting, in consultation with the entering company. Entries that do not comply with the rules are disqualified.

Mzansi Christian Awards reserves the right to refuse applicants for a specific category if insufficient entries are received. If insufficient entries are shortlisted for a specific category the **Mzansi Christian Awards** representatives have the right to move any shortlisted entries to a suitable alternative category and the applicant will be notified of this accordingly.

Entries are forwarded to the panel that adjudicates according to strict guidelines, which include applying the judging criteria for each category and their expert knowledge of the entertainment industry in general.

Independent Internal Auditors calculates the results on which the list of nominees is based and certifies that such results have been arrived at in accordance with all relevant rules.

Nominees per category will be announced at the Nominees & Partners Announcement Event to be held on **13 August 2016**.

Voting lines for nominations are opened to the public at 12:00 midnight on **13 August 2016** (Day of Announcement) and closed at 11:59pm on **30 September 2016** (night before the main event) via the official SMS line.

Voting results will be verified by Independent Internal Auditors and then revealed at the Main Event on **01 October 2016**

CATEGORIES

1. Inspirational personality of the Year (Speaker/Writer)
2. Comedian of the Year
3. Best Dressed Personality of the Year
4. Fashion Designer/Stylist of the Year
5. Sports personality of the Year
6. Radio personality of the Year (Community)



7. Radio personality of the Year (Mainstream)
8. TV personality of the Year (Community)
9. TV personality of the Year (Mainstream)
10. TV/Radio personality of the Year (Non-Religious)
11. Unconventional Artist of the Year
12. Hip Hop Artist of the Year
13. Pop/Rock Artist of the Year
14. Traditional Artist of the Year
15. Contemporary Artist of the Year
16. Praise & Worship Artist of the Year
17. Group/Duo of the Year
18. Album of the Year
19. Song of the Year
20. Artist of the Year (Non Religious)
21. Newcomer of the Year
22. Female personality of the Year
23. Male personality of the Year
24. African personality of the Year (10 Countries)
25. Personality of the Year

Once submitted an entry may only be withdrawn by the entrant. The request to withdraw an entry must be made in writing and received by Raaloe Media no later than 7 days after the original or extended closing date of the entry period.

Raaloe Media together with the Mzansi Christian Awards committee reserves the right to nominate artists into categories, which are not well represented during the entry stage as they see fit for the benefit and success of the Awards.

Raaloe Media together with the Mzansi Christian Awards committee also reserves the right to withdraw a nomination or a Mzansi Christian award from any nominee or winner, who in Mzansi Christian Award's sole discretion, has brought the Mzansi Christian Awards into disrepute.

PRIZES

Cash prizes (if applicable) and statuettes (if applicable) are awarded to the winning Creatives & Entertainers except where the category states otherwise, as the case may be. Artists who are nominated in any category are expected to attend the awards ceremony.



Those who fail to attend the awards ceremony will not be eligible to receive the cash element (if applicable) of their award, nor will they receive the statuette (if applicable). Exceptions to this rule will be considered provided that application is made by the nominee, giving written notice of their inability to attend, with an accompanying motivation to be received by the **Mzansi Christian Awards** within fifteen (15) days of the nominees being announced.

Should the application be successful then the nominee may be required to record an audiovisual interview for each category entered for broadcast purposes, a copy of which must be delivered to **Raaloe Media** offices by **no later than 15 September 2016**.

Creatives/Entertainers, which are nominated by Raaloe Media together with the Mzansi Christian Awards committee, will not be eligible to receive any cash prize (if applicable) should they win in a category they're nominated into.

Cash prizes (if applicable) will be paid to the winning creative ministers and entertainers and others, not earlier than 90 days after the date of the Main Awards Ceremony.

Broadcast and Exploitation Rights

In order to produce the awards event, **Mzansi Christian Awards** will require the following from each Creative minister and Entertainer who is nominated as a finalist in any category ("nominees") the following: the right to use each nominee's photograph, name, likenesses, image, biography, recorded performance at each event of the awards, for the marketing, advertising, filming, broadcast and commercial exploitation of the awards including the release of a commercially available DVD; the right to use the sound recordings or part thereof embodied in the album entered in the awards for the purposes of the marketing, advertising, filming, broadcast and commercial exploitation of the awards; the right to a maximum of one song and an accompanying video per sound recording submitted for the competition, for possible inclusion onto a CD and DVD to be manufactured and distributed for sale in South Africa, Lesotho, Swaziland, Botswana and Namibia

It is therefore a condition of entry that all Creative Ministers and Entertainers agree to sign **Mzansi Christian Awards** standard contributors release form granting to **Mzansi Christian Awards** the rights set out above and rights ancillary thereto the contributors release form is available to any entrant.