

GCLS Policy Statement on Artificial Intelligence

Golden Crown Literary Society (GCLS) recognizes the value and importance of human creativity in producing literary and artistic works. The organization also recognizes the ethical concerns surrounding artificial intelligence (AI) technologies and the potential threat AI poses for the livelihood of authors, artists, editors, narrators, and other creatives. GCLS strongly supports efforts to protect against copyrighted work being used to train AI technologies without the written permission of intellectual property holders.

In order to maintain the high quality and credible reputation of the GCLS awards program, known as the Goldies, the board of directors has established the following policies:

Audiobooks: Nominated audiobooks must be narrated by humans to be eligible for an Audiobook Narrator Award. Audiobooks voiced by AI technologies are not eligible.

Books: Nominated books must be written by humans to be eligible for the genre-category, Debut Novel, and Ann Bannon awards. AI-assisted books are eligible, but AI-generated books (including those translated into English by AI-driven tools) are not. For submission purposes:

- AI-generated content is defined as text created entirely or in part by AI technologies (e.g., ChatGPT, Jasper, Sudowrite), even if the machine-generated text is later edited, enhanced, or otherwise revised by humans.
- AI-assisted content is defined as text created by humans who use AI technologies collaboratively as aids in the creative process (to check grammar and spelling, suggest synonyms and alternative phrasing, etc.).

Covers: Nominated covers must be designed and crafted by humans to be eligible for the Tee Corinne Award. Covers crafted exclusively by humans or by human collaboration with AI-assisted design tools (to remove a background, cut and paste objects from a photo, etc.) are eligible. Covers crafted by generative AI are not eligible.

People With Disabilities: AI-assisted tools that potentially make things easier for disabled and/or neurodivergent people, such as speech-to-text, text-to-speech, visual aids, etc., are consistent with GCLS eligibility criteria.

Certification: Goldie nominators must certify that they have read and agree to all AI eligibility requirements.

Follow-up Procedures: If eligibility issues arise, Awards Administrators will reach out to the author, artist, editor, narrator and/or nominator for a response. If the issue remains unresolved, Awards Administrators may, at their discretion, potentially ask for additional information to establish provenance (e.g., earlier drafts of the manuscript or cover), use software programs judiciously to detect generative AI, consult experts for their opinion, and/or take other steps either to confirm or deny eligibility. Nominators can appeal this decision by contacting the board's Awards Liaison.

Annual Review: Given the pace of change in technology, AI-related eligibility requirements should be reviewed annually.