



Giving Mother Languages a Voice

Rainbow Caterpillar Mother Language Kid Lit Award Competition 2015 Submission Guidelines

Purpose of the Competition

- To support the preservation of mother languages in Canada.
- To promote cross-cultural communication and exchange among the different cultures that enrich Canadian society.
- To encourage a vibrant literary production for young children in foreign mother languages.

Submission Criteria

- The competition is open to short stories
- Submissions must be suitable for children between the ages of 5 and 10 years old.
- Submissions must be previously unpublished in any format and not under consideration by any publication or publisher.
- Submissions must be original and not a translation of a previously published work.
- Maximum length: 750 words.
- Multiple submissions are welcome.

Language

- Submissions must be in a language other than English or French (this includes Canadian aboriginal languages) and must be accompanied by an English summary.
- Submissions can be a translation by the author of the author's own unpublished original work in English language.

Eligible Writers

The competition is reserved for Canadian residents and citizens.

Entry Fee

\$15.00 per entry payable by Paypal, cheque or money order to Rainbow Caterpillar. The fee is *non-refundable*. Submissions for which payment is not received by the deadline will not be considered.

Please mail cheque to:

Rainbow Caterpillar Bookshop

Attn. Kid Lit Award

165 Lauder Avenue, Toronto, Ontario, M6H 2M9

Judging

Blind judging by language experts.

Finalists will be required to submit an English translation of their story for review by a secondary panel of children's literature experts.

Submission Deadline

May 1st, 2015 (postmark on envelope or e-mail date stamp)

Announcement of Results

Winners will be contacted individually, and their names will subsequently be announced officially.

Prize

The winning entry will receive \$750.00 (CDN).

Conditions for Winning

In order to receive his/her award, the winning author must agree to participate in promotional activities, including but not limited to public readings and other community/cultural/literary events, media campaigns, social media promotions and other activities aimed at promoting the Award

How to Submit

Each submission must be accompanied by a cover letter and entry fee.

Submissions must be typed (not hand-written) and each page must be numbered and indicate language and title but NOT the author's name. The author's name must be only on the cover page.

Each submission must have a cover page with the submission's title, a summary in English, specify language and total number of pages and words of submission as well as the author's full name, address, phone number, e-mail address and status in Canada. Accompanying illustrations are welcome and will be taken into consideration, however the story will be judged on its literary merit.

Writers are encouraged to submit a brief biography.

Submissions can be sent by mail or by e-mail in Word. If submitting PDF, please submit the cover page as a separate document so as to ensure blind judging.

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Please note: Manuscripts will not be returned.