



Short Story Competition
« The Lebanon of our dreams »
Competition rules

Presentation :

AUF Middle East and Banque BEMO, in collaboration with the Ministry of Education and Higher Education and with the support of Librairie Antoine and Assabil Association, are launching a Short Story Competition « The Lebanon of our dreams ».

Inspired by the common will of the organizers to launch a new initiative to give hope to young Lebanese that a brighter future is possible. This competition will be the opportunity for young to dream by writing of a better Lebanon that meets their deepest aspirations.

This national competition will be also the opportunity for all participating young writers to present their visions, talents and ideas.

It represents an integral part of the events organized by the AUF during the Month of Francophonie in Lebanon in 2023.

Terms :

The competition is open to young Lebanese residents, who are higher education students or students at the stage of secondary education in grades 10, 11 and 12.

Participants shall only compete in one category and each participant may submit only one entry to the Competition.

In case of multiple submissions, the first entry will be taken into account.

Participants must submit a short story of around 1200 words, with a 10% margin (more or less).

The short story can be written in French, in Arabic or in English. Each participant must clearly write his name and surname as well as his institutional affiliation.

The theme of the short story is « The Lebanon of our dreams ».

A short story is a narrative text. It is a work of the imagination. The use of figurative language is essential to create effects and evoke emotions and thoughts.

The Entry must be submitted as a word document using A4 paper size.

The deadline for submission is no later than March 27, 2023 to the following address: concours-nouvelles@auf.org.

This address should also be used for any questions or requests for information.

Selection of candidates :

Candidates can be shortlisted by concerned schools and universities if they wish so.

The selection of the best short stories in the 3 languages for each category (university / secondary education) will be made by a jury composed of representatives of the organizers and trilingual reviewers among writers/journalists.

Jury deliberations are confidential, and its decisions are sovereign. No appeals will be considered.

After deliberating, the jury will announce the winners during an award ceremony to be held on April 13, 2023, and to which all participants, partners and the general public will be invited.

Awards :

The first 3 winners selected for each category will be awarded by the jury.

Two prizes will also be awarded to schools and universities, one for each category, rewarding them for the quality of the short stories written by their students, of which at least 5 stories would have caught the jury's attention. Each prize may be used for school / university scholarships in private establishments or for one of the many needs of public establishments (books for the library, equipment or site development, etc.)

The organizers will ensure that the budget is used by the winning establishments according to these guidelines.

University level

First place for the short story in French: 500\$

First place for the short story in Arabic: 500\$

First place for the short story in English: 500\$

Second place for the short story in French: 300\$

Second place for the short story in Arabic: 300\$

Second place for the short story in English: 300\$

Third place for the short story in French: 150\$

Third place for the short story in Arabic: 150\$

Third place for the short story in English: 150\$

Price for university : 1000\$

School level (secondary grades)

First place for the short story in French: 500\$

First place for the short story in Arabic: 500\$

First place for the short story in English: 500\$

Second place for the short story in French: 300\$

Second place for the short story in Arabic: 300\$

Second place for the short story in English: 300\$

Third place for the short story in French: 150\$

Third place for the short story in Arabic: 150\$

Third place for the short story in English: 150\$

Price for school : 1000\$

Winning stories will be published on the organizers' sites and the local press.

The 100 best stories will be published by Librairie Antoine in a hardcover book and will be made available in ePub format.

Calendar :

December 7, 2022: Press conference to launch the competition at the Ministry of Education and Higher Education;

March 27, 2023: Deadline for submission;

March 30, 2023: shortlist selection by universities and schools;

April 11, 2023: the final selection of winners by the jury;

April 13, 2023: Announcing the results of the competition.