

2nd ANNUAL APABAL SHORT STORY AWARD



RULES

Description of the contest

The APABAL Short Story Award is an annual creative writing competition organised by APABAL (*Associació del Professorat d'Anglès de les Illes Balears*) aimed at encouraging teachers to try out their creative writing skills in the English Language.

Teaching and Education should somehow inspire the tale, but we are not looking for classroom experiences or methodology essays. We are looking for well-crafted, original stories that provoke engagement and tension; short stories that linger in our minds and give us food for thought. The short story could, for instance, be about a life-changing conversation, an unexpected encounter, an anecdote or incident that happened at work, that special student or colleague, a crime or intrigue....

General submission requirements

1. Participants must be individuals and must submit their work using their real names.
2. Participants must be teachers of English or CLIL at a public or *concertada* school in the Balearic Islands (Primary, Secondary, Vocational Training and EOI) or at the University of the Balearic Islands.

Short Fiction Requirements

1. Submissions must be in English.
2. Only submissions received by midnight on 15th April, 2021 will be accepted
3. Submissions must be made in Word or PDF format (Arial font, size 12, double-spaced) carrying no images and **no mention** of the author.
4. Submissions must be previously unpublished works of a minimum of 1,000 words and a maximum 2,000.
5. Participants may only submit one story.
6. Copyright of each entry remains with the author, but APABAL will have unrestricted rights to publish the winner and runner-up stories in any format.
7. Works must be submitted online by completing the submission form at <http://www.apabal.com>. Your personal details will be on the form but **your work should not carry your name**, only the title and the word-count at the top.

Judging

1. The judges will be three members of the APABAL board and a non-voting secretary. Each story will be blind read by at least two of them.
2. The judges' decision is final, and no individual correspondence can be entered into.

Prizes

1. The winner will receive 250€.
2. The two runners-up will receive 100€ each.
3. The winner and the two-runners up will be announced at the end of April, 2021.

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