

MINISTRY OF ARTS AND CULTURE

PRESIDENT'S FUND FOR CREATIVE WRITING

SHORT STORY WRITING COMPETITION

The President's Fund for Creative Writing which operates under the aegis of the Ministry of Arts and Culture is organising a Short Story Writing Competition in the following languages: Arabic, Bhojpuri, Chinese, Creole, English, French, Hindi, Marathi, Mandarin, Sanskrit, Tamil, Telugu and Urdu.

Conditions for Participation:

1. The theme is open to enable participants to write on any subject of their choice.
2. Only one entry per participant will be accepted.
3. The Short Story should be original and should not be a translation.
4. The criteria for selection will be as follows: creativity, pertinent Mauritian theme, structure and style of language.
5. Each manuscript (typed on A4 format, preferably Times New Roman in 12-point type with double line spacing, with no less than 3000 and no more than 5000 words, and signed by a pseudonym of the author) should be submitted in triplicate (in hard and soft copies).
6. (a) A sealed envelope comprising a sheet containing the pseudonym, the name and address of the author,
(b) A declaration duly signed certifying that the text submitted is from the author himself and has never been published; and
(c) A copy of the Conditions for Participation duly signed, with mention "read and approved",
should be submitted along with the three copies of the text in an envelope.
7. The text should be addressed to **The Secretary, President's Fund For Creative Writing, c/o Ministry of Arts and Culture, 7th Floor, Renganaden Seeneevassen Building, Port Louis.**
8. **The date limit for submission is Wednesday 30 September, 2011.**
9. The decision of the jury shall be final and irrevocable.
10. Two prizes will be awarded per language: **1st prize: Rs15,000 and 2nd prize: Rs10,000.**
11. The Jury reserves the right not to make any award if it is not satisfied with the quality of the submissions.
12. The selected stories will become the sole property of the President's Fund for Creative Writing which will publish a collection of the best texts.
13. Participation in this competition will imply the adherence to the conditions laid down. These conditions will be available on the Ministry's website : <http://culture.gov.mu>

25 July, 2011