

The First Kyoto Literature Award

Call for Entries and Application Guidelines

1. Requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ●A novel that deals with Kyoto. Any literary genres such as an entertainment or a pure literature is acceptable. ●The novel must be written in Japanese language only. ●The novel must be unpublished. We do not accept any works that have already been published or received other awards or prizes.
2.Categories and Qualification	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ●There are three categories for Award such as” General”, “Junior High School and High School Students” and “Overseas,” and applicants can either be professionals or amateurs. We call for entries from all over Japan and the world. ●Category “General” is targeted at applicants of any age and nationality. Qualified applicants for “Junior High School and High School Students” or “Overseas” are also allowed to apply for the category “General.” ●Category “Overseas”, is targeted at foreign students or writers with foreign nationalities.
3. Volume	<p>Category “General”: The total length should be over 28,000 letters up to 160,000 letters, which is equivalent to over 70 pages up to 400 pages of 400 letters Japanese manuscript paper.</p> <p>Categories of “Junior High and High School Students” and “Overseas”: The total length should be over 8,000 letters up to 60,000 letters, which is equivalent to over 20 pages up to 150 pages of 400 letters Japanese manuscript paper.</p>
4.How to Apply	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ●You can submit your work in a digital format via https://www.koubo.co.jp/kyoto/ or by post. ●If you type in a computer, please use a A4-size format with 30 letters per line for 40 vertical lines without any gauzes. We do not accept hand writing manuscripts. ●If you submit your work by post, please attach an entry form on the top and the summary of your novel within 800 letters on the second. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> *The forms are available on our website. *Please write your name, title and the category you apply for first on the summary form. <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 10px; margin-top: 10px;"> <p><Please make sure that you write the following information on the Application Form></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Title of your novel 2. Full name and Pen name (please indicate them in <i>katakana</i>) 3. Application category <ul style="list-style-type: none"> *If you apply for the Category of “Junior High School and High School Students”, please indicate your school year. *If you apply for the Category “Overseas”, please indicate your nationality. 4. Genre of your novel (Literary, Mystery/Horror, Science Fiction /Fantasy, History & Epic, Young Adult/Romantic and others) 5. Total number of letters of your work 6. Address 7. Telephone number 8. E-mail address 9. A short biography including your history of education, career, and writing. <p><If possible, please indicate the following information as well.></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 10. Date of birth 11. Gender 12. Occupation 13. How did you know about Kyoto Literature Award? </div>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ●Please insert a page number in your work at the bottom left. If you apply by post, please bind your work at the top right corner using a clip or a string. (Please do NOT staple it.)
5. Due date	<p>September 30, 2019 (Monday). <u>Effective if postmarked on the day or before</u></p> <p>In case of submission in a digital format, it is accepted by 23:59 on September 30, 2019.</p>
6. Final Screening Committee Members	<p>Mr. Shinji Ishii (Writer), Ms. Maha Harada (Writer), Mr. Tsuyoshi Menjo (Literary Critic and the former editor of “Shosetsu Shincho” – a well-known monthly literary journal) , representatives of a screening committee of selected general readers, and representatives of the organizer of this Award.</p>
7. Award Description	<p>Category General: The First Prize will be given for one novel with a cash of one million yen. The awarded novel will be commercially published. The Second Prize (Special Prize by the Committee) will be given to one novel with a cash of 500,000 yen.</p> <p>Category for Junior High and High School Students: The First Prize will be given for one novel with a book voucher equivalent of 100,000 yen. The Second Prize will be given for one novel with a book voucher equivalent of 50,000 yen.</p> <p>Category Overseas: The First Prize will be given for one novel with a cash of 100,000 yen.</p>
8. Screening Schedule and Announcement	<p>The first screening: We will announce the result of the first screening on our website around the end of November 2019.</p> <p>The second screening: We will announce the result of the second screening with brief comments on the website around the early January 2020.</p> <p>The final screening: We will directly notify results to winners, and the result and comments will be posted on our website around February 2020.</p>
9. Awards Ceremony & Party	<p>March 2020 (To be announced)</p> <p>We will hold a ceremony at a venue in Kyoto City. Winners, screening committee members and publishers, etc. will be invited for celebration.</p>
10. Remarks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ●Submission is limited to one work per applicant. ●We do not accept any works which have already been submitted to other awards and being under screening. (Prohibition of submission to multiple awards.) ●We do not accept any revisions to a work or request of returning the work, once it has been submitted. If necessary, please make a copy in advance. ●We do not respond to any inquiries about screening process. ●An ownership of a publication right of the awarded work will be determined after a consultation between Kyoto Literature Award Executive Committee and collaborating publishers. ●Any personal information obtained through the application process will not be used for any other purposes than those related to this Award.