

# I Certamen Literario

"FHB Young Writers Prize"



**FHB** Fundación  
Hispano Británica





# COMPETITION RULES 1<sup>st</sup> Edition "FHB Young Writers Prize"

The **BRITISH HISPANIC FOUNDATION - FHB** in partnership with the British Council, the Instituto Cervantes in London and the British Embassy in Madrid, announces the First Edition of its Creative Writing Competition: "FHB Young Writers Prize".

## OUR AIM

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To encourage younger people to develop a passion for literature whilst channelling their inner creativity and promoting the use of English in their writing.

## THE TASK

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1. An original, individual and unpublished essay written in English. All submissions must be the author's own work.
2. Length: up to 1500 words (around three A4 sides)
3. Topic: **"The Influence of Social Media"**. Authors can address the topic from whichever point of view they choose. Some examples:
  - What are the pros and cons?
  - What impact has social media had on me personally?
  - Is social media here to stay?
  - Has it had any effects on society, history, politics or the economy?

## SCOPE

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1. The competition is open to all students currently enrolled in "Bachillerato" or equivalent, in a secondary school in Spain.
2. Each author can submit only one essay.

## JUDGES AND EVALUATION CRITERIA

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1. FHB will appoint a panel of between 3 and 5 judges, all of whom will be representatives of the institutions backing the competition: the British Council, the Instituto Cervantes in London and the British Hispanic Foundation.
2. The judges' final decision cannot be appealed.
3. The judging panel has the capacity to declare the competition void.





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4. With the aim of guaranteeing the total independence of the judging panel, submissions from first or second-degree relatives of any of the judges will not be accepted.
5. The judges retain the right to refuse the admission of any entry. In this regard, any essay with inappropriate content (insults, political bias...) can be disqualified, subject to the panel's opinion.
6. Submissions will be judged upon the following criteria:
  - I. Originality
  - II. Reasoning
  - III. Relevance and Coherence
  - IV. Style and Presentation
  - V. Grammatical Accuracy and Spelling
  - VI. Fluidity and use of English

### ONLINE REGISTRATION

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1. Authors wishing to enter the competition must register by completing an online form and attaching their submission, via the following link on the Foundation webpage: <https://fundacionhispanobritanica.org/l-certamen-literario-fhb-young-writers-prize/>
2. All essays must be signed using a **pseudonym** so as to guarantee both authors' anonymity and the total impartiality of judges.
3. All submissions are to be attached in PDF format.

### COMPETITION DEADLINES AND FINAL DECISIONS

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1. The competition is annual, open and free of charge.
2. Registration will be open from **Friday 9th April** (00:00 h. Madrid) to **Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> April**, "World Book Day", (23:59 h. Madrid).
3. The winning submissions will be decided by the panel on **Friday 21<sup>st</sup> May**. All winning authors will be contacted personally either by e-mail or telephone.



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## PRIZES AND FINALISTS

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1. Three finalists will be selected.
2. There will be two prize categories:  
**1 First Prize and 2 Honourable Mentions.**
3. **FIRST PRIZE:** The author of the winning work will receive as first prize an English course awarded by the British Council. If the author is under 18 years old, it will consist of a 1 week online summer course. If the author is 18 years or older, it will consist of a package of 10 "MyClass" classes. This award is not transferable.
4. The prizewinners will have the chance to visit the British Embassy in Madrid for a tour and will receive a diploma from the British Ambassador, Hugh Elliott, in person. (The date of this act will be subject to restrictions due to the pandemic).
5. The finalists essays will be published on the Foundation's webpage.
6. Finalists will receive a copy of the book: "*Las 500 dudas más frecuentes del Inglés*", published by the British Council, and a "mug" with the British flag.

## PUBLICATION RIGHTS AND DISCLAIMER

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1. By submitting their work, authors are deemed to consent to the publication and circulation of their essays by the British Hispanic Foundation, for non-profit purposes.
2. In entering the competition, participants confirm their submission is original, unpublished and of their own creation and exempt the Fundación Hispano Británica from any liability or copyright claim over said essay.

## CONTACT

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