

## **CANVAS FIRST ANNUAL CHILDREN'S STORY WRITING COMPETITION**

Each year, CANVAS seeks to produce original, uplifting, inspirational, and/or socially-relevant books for children that can also serve to showcase the talents of the country's artists and writers.

We invite you to join and submit an entry to possibly see your written text rendered in full color in a children's book as illustrated by one of the country's best young artists, and launched in a major art exhibition to be organized by CANVAS in June 2006.

### **Rules and Conditions:**

1. The 2005 CANVAS children's story-writing competition is open to all Filipinos.
2. Entries must not have been previously published, and all entrants must warrant the originality of their submitted entries.
3. Writers may submit only one entry, in English or Filipino, which shall be of 2,000 words or less.
4. There is no particular theme, other than the use of this year's contest piece (viewable at the CANVAS website – [www.canvas.ph](http://www.canvas.ph)) as the inspiration or basis for the entry.
5. The CANVAS children's story writing competition shall be awarded points by a select panel of judges based on the following criteria:
  - Originality and Relevance (30%)
  - Quality of Writing (30%)
  - Extent to which the story may be appreciated by children and adults alike (30%)
  - X-Factor (Judges' discretion) (10%)
6. The top three stories that garner the highest average number of points shall then be considered in a final round of deliberations among the judges who shall collectively choose the final winner, in consultation with the CANVAS Fellow.

If the judges cannot come to a consensus on the winner, they shall take a vote and the entry that gains the most number of votes shall be declared the winner. The CANVAS Fellow shall not be entitled to vote.

Neither the judges nor the CANVAS fellow will see the entrant's name until winner is chosen.

7. Entries must be submitted by email, as a Microsoft Word attachment, to [canvas.ph@gmail.com](mailto:canvas.ph@gmail.com) with the subject heading CANVAS CHILDREN'S STORY COMPETITION. Entrants must include a cover sheet with their name, mailing and email address, and telephone number. Only the story title should appear on all pages of the entry.
8. The deadline for submission of entries is 5:00 p.m. (Manila time), 15 August 2005. Entries received after the deadline, even if sent earlier, will no longer be considered for the competition.

CANVAS shall not be responsible for entries which are not received, or which are received after the deadline, due to technical failure or for any other reason whatsoever.

9. Subject to Rule 14 below, by submitting an entry, all entrants thereby agree to authorize CANVAS to post such entries on its website, as CANVAS deems fit, and free from any payments, royalties or fees whatsoever.
10. There shall be only one winner, who shall receive a cash prize of PhP 30,000.00 for his/her entry. The winner shall be responsible for all applicable taxes.

The winning writer shall also be entitled to five (5) free copies upon publication of the book.

The winner shall grant and transfer to CANVAS all intellectual property and publication rights to the story, including any translations, adaptations or modifications thereto.

It is hereby understood that the cash prize to be awarded to the winner shall include consideration of such intellectual property and publication rights to the story, and the writer shall not be entitled to any other royalties or fees from earnings, if any, that may result from future publication of, licensing of, or other transactions on the same.

11. CANVAS shall not retain any rights to entries that are not selected as the winner, but may enter into separate agreements with other writers for the publishing rights to their entries.
12. CANVAS shall exercise full and exclusive editorial and artistic control over the publication of the book.

While, it is the full intention of CANVAS to publish the winning entry as a full-color children's book, CANVAS reserves the right not to publish the same for any reason whatsoever.

13. The winner of the CANVAS storywriting competition will be announced on Friday, August 31, 2005 on the CANVAS website. The winner will also be notified via email on the same announcement date.
14. CANVAS reserves the right not to award the top competition prize in the event that the judges decide that no entry was received that is deserving of the top prize. In such event, however, CANVAS shall have no right whatsoever over all entries that were received; and shall not publish any entry, in its website or in any other venue, without the prior written consent or agreement of the author.
15. The decision of the competition judges shall be final, and no correspondence or inquiries into the same shall be entertained.
16. Employees of CANVAS, and members of their immediate family, as well as the CANVAS Fellow's immediate family, are disqualified from participating in the competition.