



YOUNG HUMANITARIAN WRITERS COMPETITION 2020 Rules and Regulations

The competition aims to encourage:

- the promotion of humanitarian law and humanitarian principles to protect lives and reduce human suffering;
- discussion on humanitarian challenges in the modern world;
- the highlighting of real-life humanitarian stories that have taken place around us or worldwide.

Criteria for participation

The competition is open to anyone who:

- is not an employee of International Committee of the Red Cross, International Federation of the Red Cross & Red Crescent Societies, Malaysian Red Crescent Society or exco member of The National Press Club.
- falls within either of the following categories:
 - Journalists category
 - a journalist (full-time or freelance) of a media organisation.
 - aged between 20 and 35 and residing in Malaysia
 - Students category – a student registered with a school/ college/ university.
 - aged between 16 and 30 and residing in Malaysia

Journalists category:

- To qualify for entry, the article must meet the following:
 - Self-authored on one of the listed topics. Plagiarised work will result in automatic disqualification.
 - Written in Malay or English.
 - Between 500 words and 1,800 words.
 - Includes interview(s) with relevant key informant(s)/topic experts
 - Published in a newspaper or on a news website of a media organization in Malaysia in 2020.
 - Written in the format of a news report or news feature. Q&A formats will not be accepted.
- Entries must be submitted via email with the following email subject: **Young Humanitarian Writers Competition 2020 – Journalist.**
- Each entry must include:
 - A completed entry form with the article text using the template (in Word document format only with file name ending with .doc or .docx). No accompanying images, tables or graphics will be accepted.
 - The number of words stated at the end of the article.
 - Proof of the published article – scanned copy or PDF file of the published print or online article.

Students category:

- To qualify for entry, the article must meet the following:
 - Self-authored on one of the listed topics.
 - Written in Malay or English.
 - Between 500 and 1,800 words.
 - Includes interview(s) with relevant key informant(s)/topic experts



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- Written in the format of a news report or news feature.
- Entries must be submitted via email with the following email subject: **Young Humanitarian Writers Competition 2020 – Student.**
- Each entry must include:
 - A completed entry form with the article text using the template (in Word document format only with file name ending with .doc or .docx). No accompanying images, tables or graphics will be accepted.
 - The number of words stated at the end of the article.

Topics

Each entry shall address one of the following topics and must include interview(s) with relevant person(s)/ expert(s). Using standard news and/or feature writing style, entries must be based on facts, real events and real people.

1. Humanitarian workers/ healthcare workers/ frontliners working in situations of armed conflict, violence or pandemic. Article must include one of the following elements:
 - a. Mental health/ stigma and discrimination
 - b. Restoring family links
 - c. Ensuring economic security
2. International humanitarian law (IHL) covering one of the following elements:
 - a. Relevance of IHL even in times of natural disaster or pandemic
 - b. Protection of healthcare/ humanitarian workers
3. A true story from Malaysia covering one of the following scenarios:
 - a. When an ordinary person protects the life and dignity of people in a situation of armed conflict, violence or pandemic
 - b. People whose lives have been touched by the Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement

Selection criteria

Entries will be judged for:

- Composition and content, i.e. form, structure and quality.
- Fair, balanced and objective humanitarian reporting.
- Originality, style, storytelling technique and creativity
- Language
- Factual, informative and well-researched

Submission and closing date

Entries (using the article template with entry form) must be submitted via email **by the entrant** to kualalumpur@icrc.org **by 31 October 2020.**



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Prizes

Journalists category:

There shall be only one combined language category: English or Malay.

- First Prize: Electronic gadgets worth RM2,000
- Second Prize: Electronic gadgets worth RM1,500
- Third prize: Electronic gadgets worth RM1,000
- Fourth prize: Electronic gadgets worth RM500

Students category:

There shall be two language categories: English and Malay.

English Language:

- First Prize: Electronic gadgets worth RM1,500
- Second Prize: Electronic gadgets worth RM1,000

Malay Language:

- First Prize: Electronic gadgets worth RM1,500
- Second Prize: Electronic gadgets worth RM1,000

The top five finalists in each category will receive a certificate of achievement.

Terms and conditions

- Participation in the competition means that an entrant has accepted the terms of the competition.
- There is no entry fee.
- Each entry must include an entry form and use the article template. The entry must be the entrant's own original work.
- Each person is eligible to enter only one category (Journalist or Student) but may submit multiple articles (English or Malay). Each person is eligible to win only one prize.
- Prizes are non-exchangeable.
- Entrants may be required to provide identity documentation as proof of their age. Universities / organisations / companies may be contacted for verification of an entrant's background.
- By entering the competition, it is deemed that the entrant allows the organiser to use the winning work for publicity of the competition or humanitarian issues, credited to the winners. All entries may also be used by the organiser in their whole or edited form.
- Plagiarism or writing that contains libel or slander against any person / organisation or contains profanity will invalidate an entry.
- No identifying information (including name, name of media organisation, name of university, etc.) should be included anywhere other than on the entry form.
- Winners shall be notified by the organiser via telephone or email in November 2020. If there is no response from the chosen winner within five working days, another winner



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will be selected. The organizer is not responsible for and shall not be liable for late, lost or misdirected entries, or unsuccessful efforts to notify winners.

- Winners will be required to attend a prize-giving ceremony within three months after the announcement of the results.
- Entries not conforming to contest guidelines / rules will be disqualified. The judges reserve the right to reject entries found to contain false information at their discretion.
- The decision of the judges is final. No correspondence will be entertained.

Websites

The following websites and resources may be of use for background information and ideas:

www.icrc.org
www.nationalpressclub.org.my
www.redcrescent.org.my
www.ifrc.org
www.healthcareindanger.org
www.rcrcmagazine.org

For further information, please contact:

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