

## UNESCO International Literacy Prizes

The UNESCO International Literacy Prizes are:

*With the support of the Government  
of the Republic of Korea*

- **UNESCO King Sejong Literacy Prize (2 awards)**  
*Supporting the development and use of mother-tongue literacy education and training*

*With the support of the Government  
of the People's Republic of China*

- **UNESCO-Confucius Prize for Literacy (3 awards)**  
*Supporting literacy in rural areas, for rural adults and out-of school youth, particularly women and girls*

Every year, the prizes are organized around a specific theme. This year's focus is on:  
"Literacy and the post-2015 agenda"

Candidatures should take into account this year's theme, 'Literacy and the post-2015 agenda', while also considering the specificity of each Prize.

**Promoting excellence  
and innovation  
for a literate world**



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Since 1967, **UNESCO International Literacy Prizes** have rewarded excellence and innovation in the field of literacy. Over 460 projects and programmes undertaken by governments, non-governmental organizations and individuals around the world have been recognized. Through these prestigious Prizes, UNESCO seeks to support effective literacy practices and encourages the promotion of dynamic literate societies.

## Call for applications

Every year, Member States and International Non-Governmental Organizations maintaining official relations with UNESCO are invited to solicit and submit nominations for the UNESCO International Literacy Prizes.

## Who is eligible to apply?

Institutions, organizations and individuals promoting literacy through effective and innovative projects or programmes.

## Application process – two stages

In the first stage, an applicant is encouraged to contact the Government of the Member State, via the National Commission for UNESCO,\* or an International Non-Governmental Organization (NGO) maintaining official relations with UNESCO\*\* and working on the themes covered by the Prizes, to forward a completed submission form in English or French.

In the second stage, a Government, through its National Commission, and/or an International NGO which receives one or more submission forms, will send up to **three** nominations for the UNESCO Confucius Prize for Literacy, and up to **two** nominations for the UNESCO King Sejong Literacy Prize to the Director-General of UNESCO through the Secretariat of the UNESCO International Literacy Prizes. The Government and/or the International NGO which received the submission form(s) will also inform the successful applicants of their endorsement.

## Selection process

The selection of prize winners is made by an International Jury appointed by UNESCO's Director-General which meets in Paris once a year. The Prizes are awarded, each year, at an official ceremony held for the purpose on the occasion of the International Literacy Day (8 September).

### UNESCO International Literacy Prizes Secretariat

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\* The list of National Commissions for UNESCO is available at: [http://www.unesco.org/ncp/index.php?l=E&module=national\\_commissions&showall=1](http://www.unesco.org/ncp/index.php?l=E&module=national_commissions&showall=1)

\*\* The list of International Non-Governmental Organizations maintaining official relations with UNESCO is available at: <http://ngo-db.unesco.org/s/or/en>

## How to submit the applications and nominations

### Information for applicants

- Kindly complete the submission form in English or French. The applicant can attach relevant supporting materials (e.g. reports, publications) of less than 100 pages in total. The form can be downloaded from the UNESCO website ([www.unesco.org/en/literacy/literacy-prizes/](http://www.unesco.org/en/literacy/literacy-prizes/)). Alternatively, candidates can refer to the submission form attached to this guide.
- Please submit the completed form and supporting materials, if any, to an appropriate Government of a Member State via the National Commission for UNESCO\* or to an International NGO maintaining official relations with UNESCO\*\* no later than **10 May 2015**.
- The applicants will be contacted about the result by the entity to which the form was submitted to. In case of a successful nomination, the applicant is invited to send any additional materials related to the programme (e.g. learning and teaching materials, photos, videos) directly to the Secretariat of the UNESCO International Literacy Prizes.
- In case the applicants have any difficulties reaching an appropriate entity to submit the form to or if they do not hear back from the entity to which the form was submitted, they should contact the Secretariat of the UNESCO International Literacy Prizes for further guidance.

### Information for Governments (National Commissions for UNESCO) and International NGOs

- Kindly receive the submission forms from applicants and nominate up to three submissions for the UNESCO Confucius Prize for Literacy, and up to two submissions for the UNESCO King Sejong Literacy Prize.
- Please issue written recommendations for each of the files nominated. The written recommendation shall include, in English or French, inter alia: (1) a description of the nominee's background and achievements; (2) a summary of the work or the results of the work, publications and other supporting documents of major importance, submitted for consideration; and (3) a succinct evaluation of the nominee's contribution to the Prize's objectives.
- Kindly inform the applicants of the results and send each of the successful applicants a copy of the recommendation letters.
- Please submit either electronically ([literacyprizes@unesco.org](mailto:literacyprizes@unesco.org)) or via regular mail the final nominations along with their written recommendations, including supporting materials, to the Secretariat of the UNESCO International Literacy Prizes for transmission to the Director-General of UNESCO by **25 May 2015**.

All nominations should be sent to the Secretariat of the UNESCO International Literacy Prizes. Please note that self-nomination will not be taken into consideration, and that any submission form missing a written recommendation issued by a Government of a Member State, through the National Commission for UNESCO, or an International NGO maintaining official relations with UNESCO, will not be accepted by the Secretariat of the UNESCO International Literacy Prizes.

### DEADLINE FOR RECEPTION OF APPLICATIONS

For the candidates: **10 MAY 2015**

For Governments of the Member States or International NGOs maintaining official relations with UNESCO: **25 MAY 2015**