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Notification

The Jammu and Kashmir Academy of Art, Culture and Languages invites entries from the interested authors for the Best Book Award 2012, carrying a cash prize of Rs. 51,000/= (Rupees Fifty One Thousand) only each in the following languages: Kashmiri, Hindi, Dogri, Urdu, Pahari, Ladakhi, Punjabi, Gojri, Balti, etc. besides English.

The books to be submitted for consideration of Award must have been published during the preceding three years i.e., 01/01/2009 to 31/12/2011 and must have been written by a State subject or by a person settled in the state as:

- i) Employee of the Govt., a firm or the like or
- ii) Engaged in business, trade or the like

Application on plain paper along with four copies of the book should reach any of the offices of the Academy in Srinagar, Jammu, Leh, Rajouri, Doda or Kargil by or before 15/07/2013.

Interested authors are advised to go through the Rules of the Award before submitting their books. Books not fulfilling the laid down criteria shall be summarily rejected.

Rules of the Awards and other relevant details can be had from any of the Offices of the Academy during Office hours or by accessing Academy Website at www.jkculture.nic.in.



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Best Book Award Rules.

1. The Jammu and Kashmir Academy of Art, Culture and Languages invite entries from the interested authors for the Best Book Award, carrying a cash prize of Rs. 51,000/= (Rupees Fifty One Thousand only) for one book only in each language given in sub Para (i) below for the following categories of books:
 - I) Of research in the culture, history of Jammu and Kashmir, language and literatures mentioned in Article 146 of the State Constitution and the Schedule VI thereof, and recognized by the Academy as such, i.e., Kashmiri, Hindi, Dogri, Urdu, Pahari, Ladakhi, Punjabi, Gojri, Balti, etc. besides English.
 - II) On visual, fine arts, music, dance, drama and allied topics; and
 - III) To further the development of language/s mentioned above as also of art and culture of the State.
2. The books must have been published during the preceding three years i.e., 01/01/2009 to 31/12/11 and written by a state subject or by a person settled in the state as:
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3. A posthumous publication shall be eligible for the award only if published within five years after the author's death.
4. The value of the prize in each language shall be Rs. 51000/= (Rupees Fifty one thousand only).
5. Dictionaries, encyclopedias, edited books, translations, dissertations, thesis and the Academy publications and the books published by any Govt. or semi Govt. or Autonomous Agency as reference books are not eligible for award. Books written by more than one author also will not be eligible.
6. No author, who has received Academy prize in the play script competition, shall be eligible for the award for that play.

7. No book, which has not been recommended for the Award once, shall be entertained for re-consideration until the author deposits a review fee of Rs.1000/= (Rupees One Thousand) only, non-refundable, with the Academy in advance. However a book not recommended even for the second time, will not be entered next time.
8. No prize shall be awarded if the majority of adjudicators in a particular language feel that no book has the merit to deserve the award.
9. Any book/s which does not have the date of publication printed on the inner title cover shall not be entertained.
10. Application on plain paper along with four copies of the book should reach any of the offices of the Academy in Srinagar, Jammu, Leh, Rajouri, Doda or Kargil by or before 08/07/2013.
11. There should a minimum of three contesting books in a language for the award completion.
12. The books shall be initially scrutinized departmentally for short listing.
13. The minimum number of pages required in poetry are 80 and in prose 100. In 18x22x8 size.
14. The books once received for the award will not be returned and the author/s shall have no claim, whatsoever, over it.
15. Three adjudicators appointed in each language shall rate the books on a scale of one to hundred, depending on the quality of the book. However if the adjudicators feel that there are more than one book, which merit the award , he can put the same in "Yes" category in order of priority, indicated by the marks allotted therein.
16. If the number of books in any language exceeds 50, two awards instead of one, shall be given in that language.
17. Only those books shall be entertained for the completion, which are written in the approved script of that language.
18. The Best Book Award, as is clear from the title of the scheme, is given to a book found to be best in a particular year and is not conferred on any author for his/her over all contribution. An author who has already received the Award in a particular language can apply again in that particular language after a gap of four years. However, he/she can apply in any other language other than the one in which he/she has already received the award.
19. In case of any dispute, the decision of the Central Committee/ President of the Academy shall be final and not open to any question.
20. In case of multi-volume book, the award will not be considered to a part, thereof, but to the book as a whole.