



Montefiore International Literary Prize 2026 16 th Edition



Call deadline 05.06.2026

Award ceremony Saturday 17 October 2026

AWARDS

Cat. "A" published book of poetry or non-fiction fiction in Italian or foreign language.

1st place € 1000 + trophy

2nd place trophy

3rd classified plate

4th classified plate

5th classified plate

Cat. "B" unpublished works of poetry in Italian, in a foreign language or in the vernacular.

1st place € 500 + trophy

2nd place trophy

3rd classified plate
4th classified plate
5th classified plate

Cat. "C". unpublished short fiction in Italian or foreign language.

1st place € 500 + trophy

2nd place trophy
3rd classified plate
4th classified plate
5th classified plate

Cat. "D". unpublished poetic collection in Italian or foreign language.

1st place publication + trophy

2nd place publication + plaque
3rd classified plate
4th classified plate
5th classified plate

Cat. "E". unpublished novel or collection of short stories in Italian or foreign language.

1st place publication + trophy

2nd place publication + plaque
3rd classified plate
4th classified plate
5th classified plate

The following prizes will also be awarded:

Special Prize "Dario Ghiringhelli"

Jury Prize (plaque)

critics prize (plaque)

Planet Woman Award reserved for authors who have produced works of admirable depth. (Trophy)

Award of merit to authors and authors worthy of consideration.

Special "Young" Award for promising authors aged 14 to 18.

(Publication + Plaque) in case you participate with a novel.

Special Prize I.p.l.a.c. (offered by the cultural association I.P.LA.C.)

Special fairytale prize (reserved for both published and unpublished fairytale works (trophy)

REGULATION

The Cultural Association "PEGASUS CATTOLICA" with the patronage the Municipality of Montefiore Conca, organizes the 16 th Edition of the Montefiore International Literary Prize, divided into five sections.

- A. Published book of Fiction, Poetry or Non-fiction in Italian in vernacular or foreign language.
- B. Unpublished works of poetry in Italian, in Vernacular or Foreign
- C. Unpublished works of fiction in Italian, in Vernacular or Foreign
- D. Silloge unpublished poetry in Italian in Vernacular or Foreign
- E Unpublished novel or collection of short stories in Italian in vernacular or foreign language.

for works in languages other than Italian, English and Spanish, a specific translation must be sent.
The theme is free.

It is possible to participate in section A with more works, (in this case the fee is multiple) for categories B and C, with max three works, in category D with syllogs of min. 20 poems there is no maximum limit, in the case of more collections the fee is multiple. In category E you can participate with more documents (in this case the fee is multiple) without a limit of pages. Each competitor can freely participate in several categories.

ART. 1

Registration for the competition is open to all European and non-European citizens. Membership by minors must be countersigned by the person exercising their guardianship.

ART. 2

Competitors or publishers to participate in the competition must pay a contribution to join the initiative of € 20.00 for each category on the BANK C / C n. 2946 - Coord. Banking IT74B0899567753000000002946 (for transfers from abroad Cod. Bic / swift ICRAITRRRN0). Riviera Banca made out to the Cultural Association "PEGASUS CATTOLICA" or alternatively a bank check made out to the Association or in cash for works coming from non-European countries the fee must be paid via PayPal to the email address sarra.roberto@alice.it; by in an envelope by 05.06.2026 (the date of the postmark will be valid). And send the compositions complete with a copy of the payment or accompanied by the check, to the following address:

For mailings in paper format: Cultural Association "PEGASUS CATTOLICA" via Irma Bandiera 29 47841 Cattolica (RN).

Tel. 347 1021100

For electronic mailings: pegasus@associazionepegasuscattolica.it;

For shipments from countries outside the E.U. electronic shipping is mandatory.

ART. 3

For category A, send n. 2 copies of each book in paper or pdf format including cover (one excludes the other). The compositions relating to categories B, C, D, E, must be sent in electronic format to the

association's email address, or in paper format to the address indicated in art. 2. The works participating in the poetry section cannot exceed seventy lines each, while the short fiction compositions, Cat. C, cannot exceed (indicatively) the 15 standard pages (A4) in twelve body, (1800 characters per page 27.000 a story) including spaces. The works must be bound with metal staples. As far as categories D and E are concerned, there are no folder limits, novels and short story collections must be complete with the author's biography and a short synopsis. Please note that the collections and short stories must be submitted in a single file containing the poems or short stories with a single title.

ART. 4

The award ceremony will take place on Saturday 17 October 2026 at 3.30 pm, at the splendid Malatesta Theater in Montefiore Conca (RN). The awarded and reported works published will remain available to the Association, which will arrange for them to be placed in libraries and reading points of bathing establishments and hotels on the Adriatic coast. Those unpublished will be destroyed to protect the Copyright, the same will not be returned in any case. The prizes will consist of cash checks, trophies, plaques and publications with the Pegasus Edition publishing house. The cash prizes in particular must be collected personally, as intended as an attendance fee, the checks not collected will constitute the prize pool for subsequent editions, for all other contributions, collection by proxy or shipping upon payment is foreseen. of the expected postage costs.

Other possible prizes may be instituted during the work by the Association, the decision of the commission in charge will be final and unappealable.

ART. 5

The winners of all categories will be notified by phone, email, or letter at least 15 days before the date of the award ceremony. There is no written communication for those who do not qualify as winners. All participants will still be able to consult the minutes of the commission, which will be published directly on the official website of the award on 26 August 2026.

ART. 6

There are no reimbursements for hotel and travel expenses. Participants can stay overnight if they so wish at a hotel that has an agreement with the Association and reach the venue of the award by their own means. Those who have participated in the International Literary Prize Città di Cattolica 2026, the Switzerland Literary Prize 2026 and wish to participate in this award with the same published work (this article applies only to published works) can avoid sending the two copies of the work itself as already in possession of the organization. (specify in the participation coupon).

Registration for this announcement implies acceptance of all the rules contained therein.

**COUPON TO FILL IN TO PARTICIPATE IN THE
MONTEFIORE INTERNATIONAL LITERARY AWARD**

Here are my details (fill in block capitals)

FIRST NAME _____

SURNAME _____

DATE OF BIRTH _____

ADDRESS _____ CITY _____

PROVINCE _____ CAP. _____

CATEGORIES FOR WHICH TO PARTICIPATE _____

TITLES OF WORKS:

FIXED PHONE _____ MOBILE PHONE _____

MAIL: _____

Instagram page _____ Facebook page _____



Yes [☐] No [☐]

The data indicated will be subject to computer or manual processing with rigorous and secure methods exclusively within the context of our initiatives. The treatment will be carried out in such a way as to guarantee the confidentiality and security of the members. The collected data will be deleted as soon as it is no longer necessary for the management of the initiatives themselves in compliance with the **General Data Protection Regulation - EU Regulation 2016/679**.

I authorize the maintenance of the e-mail address for the periods provided for by the legislation for information regarding the cultural news of the association that does not pursue commercial purposes. The same will never be sold to third parties. The rights of the interested party are those provided for by the aforementioned Law. I take note of the above information and consent to the processing of the data provided in the terms indicated above.

Date _____

Signature
of the author or publisher
(of the parent, if minor)

