

USINT Short Story and Poetry Contest
"La Herencia Hispana"
RULES

Rules & Guidelines:

The Contest is open to all Cubans currently resident in Cuba and aged 18 years and over. The Contest is organized by the Public Affairs Office of the United States Interests Section (USINT); as such US Interests Section (USINT) personnel and their immediate family members are not eligible to participate.

Each Contestant may submit up to two short stories and two poems in Spanish that reflect the theme of "La Herencia Hispana". Maximum length for a short story is 3,000 words; maximum length for a poem is 350 words. All genres of literary fiction will be accepted, however the short story or poem must contain a reference/s to the contest theme. Entries of an autobiographical or biographical nature will not be accepted. There are no formatting requirements; however all entries must be in digital format.

All entries should be sent via email to havanaprensaycultura@gmail.com using the following Subject Line: Concurso de Literatura "La Herencia Hispana". All entries must be identified by a title, the contestant's full name, date of birth, address, email, and contact telephone number.

The Contest runs from September 15 through October 30, 2011. Any entries received after 12:00 midnight on October 30, 2010 will not be considered for a prize.

Selected entries will be published on the USINT facebook page after the completion of the contest.

Prizes

The winners will be selected by a panel of judges. Entries will be judged, in the case of short stories, on: (i) plot, (ii) characterization, (iii) interpretation of the contest theme, (iv) originality; and in the case of poems, on: (i) structure (ii) interpretation of the contest theme, (iii) originality.

There will be one first prize awarded, consisting of a laptop.

Two runners-up will each receive a literary publication.

Timing:

September 15 – October 30, 2011: Submission of entries via email to havanaprensaycultura@gmail.com.

November 30, 2011: Announcement of winners on USINT facebook site.

Disclaimers

This Contest is organized by USINT. By participating in the Contest, the entrant certifies that his/her entry is original, has not been previously published or won any award previously, and does not contain any material that would violate or infringe upon the rights of any third party, including copyrights, trademarks or rights or privacy or publicity.

USINT reserves the right to use, reproduce, distribute and display any entries submitted to

the contest. By submitting a short story or poem, the contestant affirms that he or she has obtained all necessary rights, licenses, consents and permissions to use that material. USINT will not be responsible for any property rights or other liabilities resulting from use of material. The Contest organizers and the panel of judges reserve the right to reject any entry that it believes contains obscene, offensive or inappropriate content, content that is of a political, sexual or violent nature, and any entry that does not comply with these official rules or that is not consistent with the spirit or theme of the contest. The decision of the Sponsor and judges is final and binding on all matters relating to the Contest.

If for any reason the organizers are unable to run the contest as planned, including without limitation, infection by computer virus, bugs, tampering, unauthorized intervention, fraud, technical failures, or any other causes which corrupt or affect the administration, security, fairness, integrity or proper conduct of the Contest, USINT reserves the right, at their sole discretion, to cancel, modify or terminate the Contest.