



PEGASUS LITERARY AWARDS
The Oscar of Italian literature

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18th Edition 2026



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AWARDS

Cat. "A" Published book concerning fiction, poetry and non-fiction.

1st Prize € 1.000. + trophy

2nd Prize plaque

3rd place plaque

Cat. "B" Unpublished works of poetry.

1st Prize € 500 + prestige plaque

2nd Prize plaque

3rd place plaque

Cat. "C" Unpublished works of short fiction.

1st Prize € 500 + prestige plaque

2nd Prize plaque

3rd place plaque

Cat. "D" Unpublished novel - short story collection - Personal essay (thought essay, without American style bibliographic references)

1st Classified Publication of the work with n. 5 free copies for the author Trophy and title of Author of the Year.

2nd Classified Publication of the work with n. 5 free copies for the author + Plaque.

Cat. "E" Unpublished poetic silloge.

1st Classified Publication of the work with n. 5 free copies for the author Trophy and title of Poet of the year.

2nd Classified Publication of the work with n. 5 free copies for the author + Plaque.

The winners of Category D and E will be offered an edition contract without contribution, by the publishing brand Pegasus Edition, the work will be published according to the stylistic canons and parameters of the publishing house and distributed through the editorial channels and online Amazon, Ibs , Mondadori Book Store etc., and in print, by reservation, at the bookstores of the Feltrinelli and Ubik chains. The works will be posted on specialized portals and cultural sites of the sector and may be presented at events and fairs reviews. The works will be created in line with the stylistic canons established by the publisher (cover, type of paper, typeface layout, etc.)

The following prizes will also be awarded:

Pegasus Award - prestigious winged horse trophy

Special Jury Prize (Targa)

Special Critics Award (Targa)

Special "Mamma Tells" Award (Reserved for published and unpublished fairy tales).

Author's perfume award (reserved for authors (plaque)

City of Cattolica plaque (reserved for particularly deserving authors).

Merit awards

Diplomas of honor

REGULATION

The Cultural Association "Pegasus Cattolica" with the patronage of the Municipality of Cattolica, the periodical Logos Cultura and the Red Phoenix association organizes the 18 th Edition of the International Literary Award Città di Cattolica - Pegasus Literary Awards divided into five categories

- A. Book published in Italian, English, French, Spanish or in the vernacular relating to fiction, poetry and non-fiction.
- B. Unpublished works of poetry in Italian, English, French, Spanish, or in the Italian vernacular.
- C. Unpublished short fiction in Italian, English, French, or Spanish or in the Italian vernacular.
- D. Unpublished novel or collection of short stories or personal essay in Italian, English, French or Spanish or in the Italian vernacular.
- E. Silloge poetics in Italian, English, French, Spanish or in the Italian vernacular.

For works in languages other than Italian, English, French, and Spanish, a specific translation must be sent.

Art. 1

Registration for the competition is open to authors of any nationality. Membership by minors must be countersigned by the person exercising parental authority. It is possible to participate in categories A, D and E with more papers (in this case the membership fee is to be considered multiple), for categories B and C Max 3 papers, for category E one or more collections of at least 20 non-poems. there is an upper limit. Each competitor can freely participate in several categories, paying the relative fees. The theme is free.

Art. 2

To participate in the competition, competitors or publishing houses will have to pay a contribution of €25.00 to join the initiative in relation to the works sent to the BANK ACCOUNT no. 2946 – Coord. Bank IT74B0899567753000000002946 (for bank transfers from abroad Code Bic/swift ICRAITRRRN0). Riviera Banca payable to the “PEGASUS CATTOLICA” Cultural Association; alternatively, it is possible to make payments in cash, by bank or bank check or by postal order payable to the Pegasus Cultural Association by 2, February .2026 (the date of the postmark will prevail).

For works coming from non-European countries, payment must be made to a Pay Pal account at sarra.roberto@alice.it

The works can be sent at the author's choice in both electronic and paper format.

To send in electronic format:

pegasus@associazionepegasuscattolica.it

For info: Tel. 347 1021100.

For paper submission:

Cultural Association "Pegasus" via Irma Bandiera 29 / B 47841 Cattolica (RN).

For works from non-European countries, electronic shipping is mandatory.

Art. 3

Regarding category A:

Send n. 2 copies of the printed book or, if in electronic format, a single copy in PDF, complete with cover.

Those who have participated in the Milano International Literary Prize 2025 and the Roma International Literary Prize 2026 and wish to participate in this competition with the same published work (this article applies only to published works) can avoid sending the two copies of the same work, since already in possession of the organization. (specify in the participation coupon).

For Categories B and C, the works must be sent by e-mail in Word format to the e-mail address indicated in the announcement (the poems or stories must be arranged on a single file one after the other). Or where impossible, on paper in n. 3 copies.

The works participating in the poetry section cannot exceed seventy lines each, while the narrative compositions cannot exceed (indicatively) the eighteen standard pages (A4) in twelve size, 1800 characters per page (32,400) characters for each story.

For the works relating to categories D and E they must be sent by e-mail in Word format (however, it is foreseen to send in paper form for all categories of the unpublished, if the competitors are unable to send them in electronic format, in this case the works must be sent in 3 copies). For the category "D" (unpublished novel), there are no folder limits. As regards Category "E" there is a minimum of 20 folders, there is no maximum limit. The poems in the collection must be arranged in a single file one after the other. For both category D and E, a short synopsis and a small biography of the author must be sent.

Art. 4

The published works received in print will remain available to the Association and will be part of the "A world of books" operation created to give great visibility to the authors, through the setting up on the beaches of the Romagna coast, in some prestigious hotels and in some public bodies of reading oases and bookstores. Unpublished works will be destroyed for copyright protection. However, the return is not expected.

Art. 5

The winners must personally collect the prizes or send a trusted person during the event, with the exception of cash prizes to be understood as attendance fees, for which the presence of the author is mandatory. Unassigned prizes will form the fund for subsequent editions.

The winners of the non-cash prize categories, who, due to force majeure, are unable to attend the ceremony may request the same, upon payment of the shipping costs. In case of Ex Aequo the prize will be divided equally among the participants. The award ceremony will take place in the month of April 2026 at the prestigious Queens theatre, located in Piazza della Repubblica in Cattolica. The awards ceremony, which will be attended by illustrious personalities from the world of literature, entertainment and culture, will be enlivened by musical interludes, themed choreographies and special devices designed to celebrate the winners. The jury will be composed of critics, authors, and authoritative personalities from various cultural sectors. The prizes will consist of cash checks, trophies, plaques and publications. The jury's decision is final and unappealable.

Art. 6

The winners of each prize order will be notified by phone, email, or letter at least 15 days before the date of the awards ceremony. There is no written communication for those who are not finalists. All participants will still be

able to consult the lists of winners directly on the Association's websites which will be posted no later than **15 March 2026**.

Art. 7

For the most complete seriousness and transparency, the participation of former jurors, presidents, honorary members and collaborators of the award is not allowed. There are no reimbursements for hotel expenses, participants can stay overnight, if they so wish, at a hotel affiliated with the Association.

By participating in the prize, the authors fully accept the clauses of this regulation.

**COUPON TO FILL IN TO PARTICIPATE IN THE
CITTA 'DI CATTOLICA LITERARY AWARD
PEGASUS LITERARY AWARDS**

Here are my details (fill in block capitals)

FIRST NAME _____

LAST NAME _____

DATE OF BIRTH _____

ADDRESS _____ CITY _____

PROVINCE _____ CAP. _____

CATEGORIES FOR WHICH TO PARTICIPATE _____

TITLES OF WORKS:

FIXED PHONE _____ MOBILE PHONE _____

MAIL: _____

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.

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Date _____

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