

# Young Author Award

2021-2022

Young Author Award (YAA) is an initiative of Pakistan Learning Festival, a flagship program of Idara-e-Taleem-o-Aagahi to promote young Pakistani writers (10-18) who demonstrate extraordinary passion and talent for authentic writing.

## Why you should apply?

If you have a passion for writing authentically with original ideas then this opportunity is for you to shine. Winners will not only receive cash prizes, medals, recognition certificates but also receive a comprehensive 3 months of mentorship from renowned Authors to polish their writing skills and a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to get their stories published from the PLF platform. Winners will be provided with extensive growth opportunities to represent their stories in various events organized by PLF.

## Who Can Participate:

- All children who are 10-18 years old and based in Pakistan can participate.
- Stories can be submitted both in Urdu and English
- The stories should be original, unpublished and must be written by the child
- The winners of previous Young Author Award batches are not eligible to apply again for 5 years after their winning submission .
- Age Group: 10-13 years and 14-18 years

## WINNERS WILL RECEIVE CASH PRIZES & 3 MONTHS MENTOR SHIP

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Provincial Level Recognition Award  
and Certificates for Shortlisted  
Stories will also be given.

The two categories are divided by the following age group and language:

### URDU

#### Category 1 Urdu

(age 10-13) 1500 to 2000 words

#### Category 2 Urdu

(age 14-18) 2800 to 3300 words

### ENGLISH

#### Category 1 English

(age 10-13) 1500-2000 words

#### Category 2 English

(age 14-18) 2800-3300 words

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## Stages of the YAA – 3 Month Mentorship

It is vital for all interested in submitting their stories to the YAA 2021-2022 to understand that this is a process based award

- Stage I - Submission
- Stage II - Jury Selection
- Stage III - Decision of the YAA
- Stage IV - Mentorship Program for YAA 3 months with eminent Authors to improve their narratives

Mentorship is online -rarely face to face

This is compulsory and all YAA who are not able to comply can be dropped from the YAA program

- Stage V - Refining their stories/submissions
- Stage VI - The Award is Finalized and Awarded publicly
- Stage VII - ITA/PLF seeks to finalize the publication for printing

The young Author should include the following details with their story

- Name:
- Age:
- Class:
- School:
- Address:
- Contact Number:
- Word Count of your story:

## Important Dates & Timeline:

- Submission Deadline: February 15, 2022
- Jury Decision: March 7, 2022
- Mentorship for Winners: 3 Months
- Awards for Winning Stories: June, 2022 Closing ceremony
- Young Author Book Launch from PLF platform: August, 2022

Please note only one story submitting by one child will be considered, those who are submitting more than one will be disqualified. Illustrations are always welcome to accelerate publications of YAA

**Note:** All Plagiarism - Copying will be rejected; it will be detected through the best softwares and experienced jury members - there is zero tolerance for such deeds at the YAA

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