

Beirut19 Writing Competition

Terms & Conditions and Application Information

Reach Out To Asia in collaboration with the Supreme Education Council offers the opportunity to young Arabs in Qatar to participate and unleash their writing talents!

This document provides all necessary information concerning the Beirut19 competition in Qatar as well as the international Beirut19 competition.

You will find information about:

- 1) What is Beirut19
- 2) What the writing is about
- 3) Who can apply and how to apply
- 4) What the competition is about

Please read this document carefully.

What is Beirut19?

Beirut19 is an international competition inviting Arab youth from more than 10 countries to write about the following two themes:

Power and identity in the 21st Century
Arab culture in a globalized world

The Beirut19 philosophy is inspired by Beirut39 which aims to encourage the debate of important issues between young Arab writers, as well as to allow them to share and cultivate their writing talents. Beirut39 is a collaboration between the Hay Festival and Beirut World Capital of the Book 2009 bringing together 39 of the most talented writers of Arab heritage under 39 years of age; the Beirut39 finalists will be present at the Beirut39 Festival/ book fair in April 2010 in Beirut.

Beirut19 is directed by IEA, the International Education Association, and will be managed in close collaboration with iEARN-Arabia and Beirut39, with the professional contribution of PrismSight.

Find out more about the Beirut19 international competition:

- <http://www.hayfestival.com/beirut39/beirut19.aspx>

More information about:

- Beirut39 at <http://www.hayfestival.com/beirut39/index.aspx>
- The Hay Festival at <http://www.hayfestival.com/portal/index.aspx>

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The writing piece

- Can be in a style of a **short story**, an **essay**, an **analysis**, a **critical theory** or a **journalistic piece**.
- Must be written in **Arabic** or **English**
- Must be about one of the two below themes
 - **Power and identity in the 21st Century**
 - **Arab culture in a globalized world**
- Only **one writing piece** per participant can be submitted.
- Must be between **500 and 2500 words** (*500 words are corresponding to about one and a half page typed in font Times New Roman size 10 in a word document*).
- Must have a **title**
- Must have an **abstract** (or summary) of 250 characters maximum (around 50 words).
- Must be **submitted before February 14th** 2010 (12:00 noon).
- Must be **submitted online** by the contact person in one of the following electronic formats: Adobe PDF, Microsoft word, text document (txt or RTF format). *Please note that no writing pieces submitted by fax will be accepted.*

The participant (*the young Arab writer*)

- Participants must be of **Arab nationality and reside in Qatar**.
- Participants must be between **12 and 19 years old** and will be grouped in two main categories:
 - Juniors (age 12-15) - (born between 01/01/94 and 01/01/98)
 - Youth (age 16-19) - (born between 01/01/91 and 31/12/93)
- Each participant must have an **adult contact person**.
 - This person can be a teacher, a school administrator, a parent, etc.
 - The contact person will register the participant and be the focal point of contact with the organizer (ROTA)
- Each participant will receive a **Registration Number**.

The adult contact person

- The contact person will be responsible for **registering the participants** by **completing the application form** and providing the below information:
 - Participant information:
 - First name
 - Last name
 - Birth date
 - Nationality
 - City of residence
 - Name and address of school attended (if any)
 - Participant's **proof of age and residence**: an official document including the name and birth date of the participants (Qatari ID, school registration documents, etc. *When applying online this document should be in one of the following electronic format: Adobe PDF file or image file in jpeg, jpg or png format.*)
 - The **chosen theme** (*Power and identity in the 21st Century or Arab culture in a globalized world*)
 - **Language** of the writing (Arabic or English)
- The contact person will be **in charge of submitting the writing piece** for each participant he/ she has registered.

- The contact person will be **contacted by Reach Out to Asia** if clarification are needed, to confirm the application, etc. Participants should not contact Reach Out to Asia Directly.
- The contact person can **register one or more participants** but can submit only one writing piece per participant.

The application

- Can be submitted:
 - **Online** at www.rotaknowledgenet.org/knowledge-network/beirut19
 - **By fax:** fill out the **Registration Form** and join **the proof of age and residence**. Fax the documents to **+974 4541636**.
Please note that the participant's writing piece can only be submitted online
- The application form must be submitted **before January 24th** 2010 (12:00 noon).
- Must be submitted **by the adult contact person**.
- Will be **verified and confirmed** by Reach Out To Asia. The contact person will receive the **Participant Registration Number**.

The Beirut19 competition in Qatar

A jury will evaluate all the writings from Qatar and select the Qatar finalists between February 15th 2010 and February 27th 2010.

The Jury in Qatar will review all writings and select:

- **20 writings** that will be **submitted to the Beirut19 international Jury** (10 writings for each age category).
- The **4 best writing pieces in Qatar:** 1 per theme and per age category (12 to 15 and 16 to 19).
The 4 finalists will be sponsored by Reach Out to Asia to **attend the Beirut39 Festival in Beirut** from the 15th to the 18th of April 2010.
- **1 writing for each theme and for each age** (i.e. the 12 to 13 age group will have 2 prices (one per theme), the 13 to 14 age group will have 2 prices (one per theme), etc.)
Each of the 14 winners will receive a reward during the award ceremony.

All participants will be invited to the "Young Arab Writers in Qatar" award ceremony event in March 2010.

Note: Some finalists will be randomly selected by the jury for a short interview about their writing piece in order to verify the authenticity of the writing.

The Beirut19 international competition

The 20 best writings selected by the jury in Qatar will be sent to the Beirut19 international jury and will compete with the 20 best writings from all the other participating countries:

The **Beirut19 international jury** formed of 6 panelists will select:

- The top 4 finalists across all participating countries (two from each theme and one from each category) will:
 - Participate in the Beirut39 Book Festival in April 2010,
 - Be featured in the Beirut19 publication which will be launched at the iEARN International conference in Canada in 2010.
- 39 young writers who will be featured on the Beirut19 website.

You didn't find the information you were looking for or need further clarification?

- Please visit us at: www.rotaknowledgenet.org/knowledge-network/beirut19
- Or send us an email at: beirut19@rotaknowledgenet.org



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Beirut19 Writing Competition Application Form

Please make sure you have read and understood the **Beirut19 Writing Competition - Application Information / Terms & Conditions**.

How To Apply

Fill out one form per participant in CAPITAL letters and in English.

Fax this **form** and **the proof of age and residence** document to **+974 4541636**

Note: only the application can be sent by fax, the participant writings must be submitted online.

Adult Contact Person Information	
First Name	
Last Name	
Relationship with the below mentioned participant (Teacher, mother, father, etc.)	
Phone Number	
Email address	
Occupation (Teacher, school administrator, none, etc.)	
Institution or Organization	
Participant information (the Young Arab Writer)	
First Name	
Last Name	
Birth date (Day / Month / year)	
Nationality	
School attended (school name, address and phone number)	
Writing theme (choose one only)	Power and identity in the 21st Century <input type="checkbox"/> Arab culture in a globalized world <input type="checkbox"/>
Writing Language (choose one only)	Arabic <input type="checkbox"/> English <input type="checkbox"/>
Additional comments:	

Date: _____

Signature: _____

For more information about the competition and how to register, please visit:
www.rotaknowledgenet.org/knowledge-network/beirut19 or send an email to
beirut19@rotaknowledgenet.org