



LITERARY PRIZE
"LA RONDINE"

*I'M WRITING YOU THIS
LETTER...*



8th EDITION 2026/2027

SUBJECT:

"LETTER TO A CHARACTER FROM A BOOK"

(novels, comics, graphic novels: write to the character who inspires you)

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REGULATIONS:

Article 1 - The competition is open to **young Italian and foreign citizens** aged nine to nineteen years and is divided into three categories:

- **"Rondinotto"**: (children 9-11 years)
- **"Rondinella"**: youth (12-14 years)
- **"Rondine"**: adolescents (15-19 years)

The letter submitted to the competition can be in narrative or poetic form. Each contestant may enter the competition with one or more **unpublished** works on the current edition's theme. The works must not have been awarded prizes in other competitions. It is **absolutely forbidden** to use AI applications or programs for writing texts, which will be carefully evaluated by a cybernetics expert to prevent such possibility.

Article 2 - Each letter in poetic form must not exceed 50 verses.

Article 3 - Each letter in narrative form must be **between a minimum of half a page and maximum of three pages in A4 format.**

Article 4 - Participation in the competition is free.

Article 5 - The Competition begins on the date decided by the Cultural Association La Rondine and may vary from year to year. The works must be handwritten and optionally decorated; the digital typed copy must show only the author's date of birth.

For 2026, the Competition begins on October 15th, 2026, and closes on March 15th, 2027. Entries must be sent only to: larondine2011@libero.it

Article 5.1 - Each contestant must send the following three attachments to larondine2011@libero.it:

1. A digital typed copy of the letter (Word format) signed only with the contestant's date of birth.
2. The registration form properly completed in all parts with privacy consent signed by the contestant and/or parent/guardian if underage and the release statement for images and videos.
3. Copy or scan of the original handwritten work in PDF or JPG format in good resolution.

The original paper version mentioned in point 3 must be kept by the contestant and may be requested by the Jury for possible exhibitions, awards ceremony, or other purposes.

The collected data will be processed legally, fairly, and transparently. The purposes of information collection are explicit and legitimate, and their use will be limited to the Competition's purposes and time-bound. The collected information can be deleted or modified promptly upon request.

Article 6 - Letters must be written in (or translated into) Italian.

Article 7 - The handwritten and decorated letters will be evaluated by an Artistic Jury comprising artists and visual arts graduates, and a graphologist-psychologist who will assign the "Handwriting Prizes." The winning work will receive a Special Artistic Prize and will be reproduced as the cover of the 6th edition Anthology.

Article 8 - The Competition will have a Judging Commission composed of experts from the University, School, and Publishing worlds, from which the President will be chosen.

Article 9 - The composition of the Judging Commission, whose decision is final, may vary from year to year. The Jury President's name will be announced at the beginning of each edition. The Judging Commission may assign additional recognition to authors deemed particularly worthy. Prizes must be collected personally (minors accompanied by parents or guardians) or through a proxy on the designated ceremony day according to the program published on Facebook and Instagram pages.

Article 10 - No compensation or SIAE intellectual property rights will be due to authors for possible publication of submitted works in books, magazines, newspapers, and web pages before or after the awards. The Rondine Committee reserves the right to publish anonymously on the Competition's Facebook or Instagram page selected letter excerpts at their discretion.

Article 11 - Participation in the Competition implies knowledge and acceptance of these regulations.

Article 12 - For information requests, please email: larondine2011@libero.it or call +39 3343794933 or website: www.volarondine.com

Article 13 - The main Competition prizes are 10 (ten), three for each category, plus the Special Artistic Prize.

Article 14 - Prizes for all three categories:

Children/Youth Category (Rondinotto):

- 1st Prize: 200 euros
- 2nd Prize: 150 euros
- 3rd Prize: 100 euros

Youth Category (Rondinella):

- 1st Prize: 300 euros
- 2nd Prize: 200 euros
- 3rd Prize: 100 euros

Adolescent Category (Rondine):

- 1st Prize: 400 euros
- 2nd Prize: 300 euros
- 3rd Prize: 200 euros

Special Artistic Prize: 200 euros

The competition is organized by Cultural Association La Rondine in Cadegliano Viconago, via Brione 16, 21031 Cadegliano Viconago, email: larondine2011@libero.it