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**DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION FAR NORTH REGION
JUNIOR LITERARY COMPETITION INITIATIVE INVITATION**

Dear English Educators,

You are cordially invited to nominate your school to enter the Business Liaison Association (BLA) and Department of Education Far North Region Junior Literary Competition initiative. This contest is designed to encourage literary development for learners across all high school sectors in the region. Organisers have crafted a number of categories to provide students with the opportunity to enhance their skills through writing.

The competition contains junior school (years 7 and 8) and middle school (years 9 and 10) categories for short story writing. There is also a micro story section for all grades. Each short story category provides a cash prize for first, second, and third place recipients. The micro story only holds a first place prize, and all age groups are invited to enter this section in addition to their specific age group entry.

Junior School Category for year 7 and 8 Students

Short Story (300-500 words)

First Prize \$100
Second Prize \$70
Third Prize \$50

Middle School Category for year 9 and 10 students

Short Story (400-600 words)

First Prize \$100
Second Prize \$70
Third Prize \$50

Micro Story Section for all students from years 7-10

Micro Story (100-150 words)

First Prize \$50

(This section is open to all grades and there is only one prize available)



Prize recipients of the various sections will be presented with their respective awards at the *Annual Aspire Awards Ceremony*. The winning schools will also receive a plaque.

Please be advised that presentation night for this competition will be held on 30 November 2021 at Pullman Cairns International Hotel. It will commence at 5.30 pm and conclude at 7.30 pm. Literary award recipients are required to be in attendance and must wear their formal school uniform, as per School Policy. Invitations to the Presentation Night will be forwarded to individual prize winners following adjudication.

Conditions:

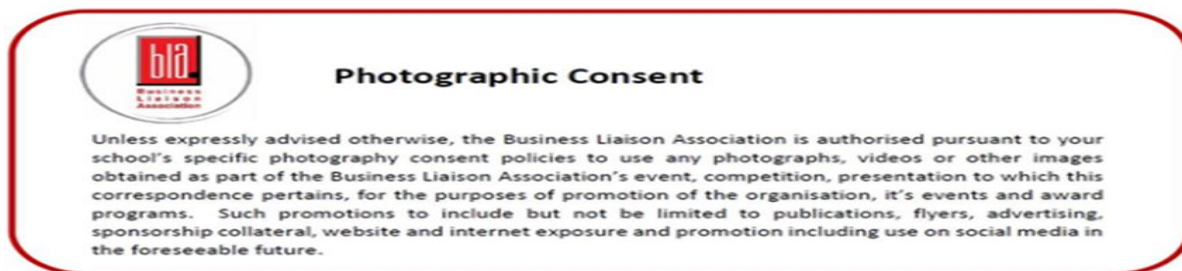
Competitors should:

- Adhere to generic conventions of a short story or micro story
- Ensure that recommended word lengths are followed
- Employ language that demonstrates aesthetic and stylistic features.

Please ensure that the submitted creative responses are word processed with **one and a half line spacing**.

A registration fee of \$88 (including GST) is required per school nomination. This will be payable to the Business Liaison Association. Following registration, tax invoices will be issued to participating schools. There is no limit on the number of entries submitted from schools.

I look forward to receiving a hard copy of individual creative responses with the attached registration form (page 3) by Wednesday, **15 September 2021**.



CONDITION OF ENTRY:

The Business Liaison Association (BLA) encourages its recipients of awards, prizes, gifts or bursaries to promote their achievements on Social Media/Media and positively attribute the support provided by the BLA. Any negative, defamatory or slanderous comments regarding the BLA, its programs or sponsors will result in a cancellation of awards, prizes, gifts or bursaries.

Should you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact me at your earliest convenience.

Yours sincerely

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**Department of Education Far North Region
Junior Literary Competition 2021**

REGISTRATION FORM

DUE DATE: Wednesday, September 15, 2021

Student Name	
Year level	
School	
Student's Email	
Contact Teacher	
Contact Teacher's Email	



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