

# STORIES FROM THE CHILDREN OF THE WORLD

## APPLICATION CONDITIONS

### 1. Theme:

Sky

### 2. Topic:

“Free” (Any subject related to the sky that the student chooses freely.)

### 3. Purpose:

- To improve the language, expression and spelling ability of students in Maarif Schools,
- To encourage students in Maarif Schools to dream,
- To enable students to express themselves in written language by determining the sub title they want within the framework of the sky theme (in Turkish, English, French, Arabic, Spanish),
- To raise an awareness of interest and thought in writing stories in the field of literature under the roof of culture and art in our students and to ensure the transfer of this awareness to literature,
- To encourage students to make original production directly without creating a sense of competition and to enable them to take part in an international project.

### 4. Scope:

These special provisions cover the conditions for participation in the study, the subject and purpose of which are specified above, the manner of application, the formation of assessment boards, the principles and procedures related to the assessment and application calendar to be made.

### 5. Terms of Participation:

Students between the ages of 8-18 (including 18) studying at Turkish Maarif Foundation Schools can participate in the study.

### 6. Application language:

Turkish, English, French, Arabic, Spanish

### 7. Application Requirements

- The theme of the competition is “Sky”.
- Stories should be written according to the theme.
- A title will definitely be indicated at the beginning of the story.
- The stories to take part in the competition must not have been published before, sent to another competition or to any publishing group.
- Stories should not be contrary to sentimental values, general and universal morality and the principles of humanity.
- The story should be written in accordance with the rules of spelling and punctuation.

- Applicants to the study will prepare their works in A-4 paper size, with Times New Roman font and 12 font size in Word format in a way that page margins are 2.5 cm on all sides, 1.5 pt between each line and minimum 1.5 and maximum 2.5 pages and in accordance with the Spelling Dictionary of the relevant language.

## **8. Other Considerations**

- The expenses of the study will be covered by the Turkish Maarif Foundation. Participation is free of charge.
- The authors of the works are deemed to have accepted the publication of their works by participating in the study. Also, no copyright fee is paid for the published works.
- The copyright of all the works selected in the study belongs to the Turkish Maarif Foundation.
- The Turkish Maarif Foundation can publish the works it finds appropriate into a book.
- All legal responsibility of the submitted writings belongs to the author of the work.
- Works that do not meet the specifications or are not delivered on time are not taken into consideration and not returned.
- The stories to be written must be unique in every aspect. Stories not being published in any media before is a requirement. If the whole or a part of the story has been copied or quoted from a press publication or any media, the story will not be taken into consideration.
- Participants must have obtained the permission of their parents to participate in this study. Reading the Consent on the Copyrights of the Work, the student himself/herself and his/her parents must sign and re-upload the file. Apart from scanning, uploads made with proper photo shooting will be accepted. Applications will be made using the Application Form accessed through the direct link on the official website of the Turkish Maarif Foundation (<https://www.turkiyemaarif.org>). Support should be obtained from the relevant Turkish Teachers for the accuracy of the statements in the applications. Misrepresentations, plagiarism, etc. cause the loss of the right to be published.
- Stories prepared as Word documents in digital environment will be uploaded into the Application Form on the official website of the Turkish Maarif Foundation (<https://www.turkiyemaarif.org>). A confirmation mail will be sent to the participant that the story has been received. If this confirmation mail is not received, support should be obtained from the relevant Turkish Teachers.
- The Application Form must be filled out as whole and complete.
- Works that serve political purposes, do not comply with general moral rules, contain insulting and advertising elements will be excluded from the assessment.
- The first degree relatives of the members of the Selection Committee cannot participate in the study.
- All students participating in the study are deemed to have accepted the conditions contained in the short story specification.
- All students participating in the study should read the Clarification Text within the scope of the Personal Data Protection and Privacy clause. Students must give consent to the relevant articles. Within the scope of the Law on the Protection of Personal Data (KVKK), the student gives permission for the use of his/her works, cover images / photographs and identification information in digital and printed media.
- This study is carried out by the Department of Social and Cultural Activities of the Turkish Maarif Foundation.

## **9. Assessment**

An assessment is conducted by a commission established for the study of Stories from the Children of the World by Maarif Schools. The application processes of the stories selected in the assessment will be carried out under the supervision of the story author and the responsible teacher determined by the commission.

## 10. Study Calendar

Application Date:	25 September 2022
Assessment Date:	26-30 September 2022
Print Date:	5-28 October 2022
Announcement Date:	31 October 2022
Launch Date of II. Istanbul Education Summit:	4-5 November 2022

## 11. Gift

- The story authors whose stories are deemed worthy of publication by the selection committee will be presented with their printed story book as a gift.
- Also, the book of Stories from the Children of the World will be introduced at the II. Istanbul Education Summit (<https://www.istanbuleducationsummit.com/>), an international platform where institutions and actors that stand out with their international activities and studies in education come together.

### Information:

Participants can send their questions about the study to [sks-form@turkiyemaarif.org](mailto:sks-form@turkiyemaarif.org) under the title of Stories from the Children of the World.

This specification consists of three (3) pages in total.

### ANNEXES:

Annex-1: Application Form

Annex-2: Clarification Text (Personal Data Protection and Processing Policy)

Annex-3: Consent on Copyrights

Annex-4: Story Assessment Form