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**MINAS AND KOHAR TÖLÖLYAN PRIZE FOR CONTEMPORARY LITERATURE
(HAMAZKAYIN Armenian Educational & Cultural Society, Eastern USA)**

Preamble

The Minas and Kohar Tölölyan Prize for Contemporary Literature (henceforth, **MKPCL** or **The Prize**) was established in 2012, on the initiative of the Hamazkayin Armenian Educational and Cultural Society of the Eastern USA, with a donation by Mr. and Mrs. Edward and Vergine Misserlian of San Francisco, to commemorate and honor the remarkable achievements of the now deceased couple in the fields of Armenian literary criticism and pedagogy.

The Prize is administered by the Eastern USA Regional Executive Board of the Hamazkayin Armenian Educational and Cultural Society, pursuant to the adjudication of a specially assigned jury.

Purpose

The purpose of **MKPCL** is to recognize and encourage significant new literary work created and published in North America by individuals of Armenian ancestry, or non-Armenian individuals writing on Armenian topics. Poetry, prose, drama, translation, as well as creative non-fiction with a *literary* bent: memoir, journalism, essays, and literary criticism may all be submitted.

Frequency of the Prize

Two Prizes, one for Armenian submission and one for English submissions, will be awarded once a year. In years when the jury determines that there is no entry of sufficient merit, no award will be granted. In the next year, two Prizes may be granted. The winning submission will be announced at the Annual Pan Gathering of the Hamazkayin Armenian Educational and Cultural Society of Eastern USA.

Award

The awardees will also receive \$1,500. The recipients of the Prize will be responsible for all taxes. If a work by more than one author wins, the amount will be equally distributed among them.

Languages

The submissions may be in Armenian or English.

The Author

The author may be an Armenian or non-Armenian residing in North America.

The author must be 18 or older, or have the permission of parent(s)/guardian(s) to submit a work.

Members of the jury of **MKPCL and Hamazkayin Eastern USA Executive Board** or members of their immediate families may not be candidates for the Prize.

Deadline

Submission must be received by **MKPCL** by January 31 (23:59 EST) of the year of the announcement of winners of the prize.

Format

The submissions may be:

- a. Electronic (PDF format)
- b. Physical volume (5 – five – copies)

Address

Electronic: tololyan_award@hamazkayin-usa.org

Mailing: Hamazkayin Tololyan Prize Committee
80 Bigelow Avenue
Watertown, MA 02472-2012 USA

Entry Form

The entrant must complete the **MKPCL** Entry Form (see attached) together with the submission.

The Work Submitted

All published submissions must have been issued in the year preceding the announcement of the Prize.

Handwritten manuscripts are not accepted.

Each unpublished submission must be type-written in size 12 fonts and double-spaced.

Word count:

- a. Poetry: no less than 5,000 words
- b. Prose: no less than 10,000 words
- c. Word count excludes titles. Only the original content of the submission is counted, which excludes paratextual matter such as dedications. Any term containing a hyphen ("twenty-five") or an apostrophe ("can't", "don't") counts as a single word. Every article ("the", "a",

etc.) counts as a separate word. Groups of characters (e.g. "xxx") as well as symbols count as a word.

The submission must have a *literary* disposition (that is, the Prize may not be awarded to works of historiography, politics, economics, social sciences, etc.). In the case of non-Armenian entrants, the submission needs to explore an Armenian theme.

A “work” may be a mix of literary genres. That is, prose works may have embedded poems, or works of literary criticism may include portions of short stories or lyrics, etc.

Authors retain the copyright of the submitted work.

The entrant (author, publisher, or otherwise) is responsible for validating the authorship of the submission, if necessary.

Only one work by an author (or co-authors) may be submitted in a given year.

The physical copies of any submission are not returned.

MKPCL is not liable for any type of loss, damage, theft, delay, mistaken address (mail or electronic), typographic or printing error, technical, electronic, or telephonic malfunction or impairment, or costs associated with the submission of any work.

Subsequent to submission, the work may not be replaced by another.

General Regulations

MKPCL’s decision to grant the Prize to any work is final and is not subject to review.

In the case a grantee rejects the Prize, **MKPCL** is free of any obligation toward same.

In the case an awarded work is found to be plagiarized, the author(s) must return the award to the **MKPCL**.

Դիմումնագիր/Application Form

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Դիմումնագիր/Entry Form

1. Ներկայացրած գործի խորագիր Title of Submitted Work

2. Լեզու Language

3. Ժանր կամ Տեսակ Genre

4. Էջաթիվ/Number of pages

5. Հեղինակի/ներու անուն-ազգանուն First & Last Name of Author(s)
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6. Դիմորդի անուն (և ազգանուն՝ եթե կիրառելի է) – թիւ 5էն տարբեր ըլլալու պարագային
First (and last name, if applicable) – if different from #5

7. Հասցէ Address

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8. Հեղինակի/Դիմորդի Ե-հասցէ Author's/Submitter's E-mail

* Գրչանունի պարագային, նշել իսկական անունն ալ: **In the case of pen-name, provide the real name, too.**

** Այս հասցէն պիտի նկատուի դիմումի երկիրը: **This address will be considered the country for the entry.**

9. Հեռախօսի թիւեր Telephone Numbers

----- Բնակարան/Residence

----- Աշխատանք/Work

----- Բջջային/Cell

----- Հեռապատճէն/Fax

10. Հեղինակի ծննդեան թուական Author's Date of Birth

օր/ամիս/տարի (օօ/աա/տտտտ) Day/Month/Year (dd/mm/yyyy)

11.

Արական/Male

Իգական/Female

12. Ջրադուր Occupation

Occupation

Կը յայտարարեմ, թէ վերը ներկայացուած գործին հեղինակն եմ, թէ կարդացած եմ կանոններն ու պայմանները և համաձայն եմ հետեւելու անոնց:

I declare that I am the author of the entry described above, that I have read the rules & regulations and I agree to abide by them.

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Signature

Թուական

Date

Ծնողքի/Խնամակալի անուն

Name of Parent/Guardian

Ծնողքի/Խնամակալի ստորագրութիւն/Signature of Parent/Guardian

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