

LIBERTADOR PRIZE FOR CRITICAL THINKING

Call for Entries 2008-2009

The Ministry of People's Power for Culture of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela announces the following international call for entries for the Libertador Prize for Critical Thinking. Entries must meet the following requirements:



First: For the purpose of this call for entries, a work of critical thinking is understood to be a book that, in one way or another, from a position committed to the defense of humanity and from the perspective that a better world is possible, critically analyzes the contemporary world, in a global or sectoral manner, in any field of social activity. As such, war, economics, politics, democracy, our relationship with nature, human rights, peoples' rights, the integration of countries, racism, and imperialism are among the topics that may be the subject of this work in critical thinking.

Second: The prize will be awarded annually to the author with the best book that is edited for the first time in Spanish during the year of the call for entries. Books originally written or published in other languages are eligible, as long as they are published in Spanish within three years of the original edition.

Third: The prize will consist of a statuette designed to represent the award, a certificate or diploma, and one hundred fifty thousand tax-free dollars (\$150,000).

Fourth: The current 2008 call for entries, refers to **books edited between January 1st, 2008, and December 31st, 2008.**

Fifth: The books must be directly submitted by their authors, who can attend the competition, regardless of their place of residency.

Sixth: Seven (7) copies of the books should be sent to: **Ministerio del Poder Popular para la Cultura. Av. Panteón, Foro Libertador, Edificio del Archivo General de la Nación, Planta Baja. Código Postal 1010. Caracas-Venezuela.** Entries should clearly indicate participation in the Libertador Prize for Critical Thinking. The entry should include the author's: **name and surname, complete mailing address, telephone number, e-mail address and curriculum vitae.**

Seventh: The **deadline for submissions is March 31st, 2009.** Entries sent and postmarked before this date will be accepted. The list of participating authors will be made public on the website of the Ministry of People's Power for Culture of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela.

Eighth: The awarding jury will be composed of five members, among whom there will be no more than two Venezuelans. The names of jury members for the 2008 award will be published on the Culture Ministry's website one month before the submission deadline. The jury must accompany its verdict with a reasoned justification regarding the quality and importance of the winning work.

Ninth: The prize will be awarded based on a majority vote and cannot be split nor voided. The jury may highlight up to five submissions with honorable mentions. This call for entries specifically establishes that prior winners of the Libertador Prize for Critical Thinking are welcome to participate once again.

Tenth: The Libertador Prize will be awarded to the winner in a public ceremony in the city of Caracas on July 24th, 2009, the anniversary of the birth of the Liberator, Simón Bolívar.

Eleventh: The author of the work awarded the Libertador Prize for Critical Thinking will grant automatic permission to the Ministry of People's Power for Culture to publish the work in Venezuela as many times as necessary, giving up their corresponding rights as authors in the case of editions or excerpts destined for free distribution. Likewise, the author will be responsible for ensuring that publishers, who have previously released their book, equally cede their rights in the case of free distribution.

Twelfth: Submission of an entry implies acceptance, without reservation, of these eligibility requirements. Anything not foreseen by the rules will be resolved by the Ministry of People's Power for Culture of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela.