

Young Historian's Prize Guidelines

I. Purpose

The National Commission for Culture and the Arts (NCCA) with its mandate to ensure that standards of excellence are pursued in its programs and activities. The National Committee on Historical Research (NCHR) in accordance to its mandate to encourage and assist in the undertaking of research and studies on the histories of various groups, sectors, institutions, regions, and localities in the Philippines have initiated the Young Historian's Prize (YHP).

The purpose of the guidelines is to encourage and support writing of Philippine history from the Filipino perspective in accordance with Section 12.B.7 of Republic Act 7356 or the Law Creating the National Commission for Culture and the Arts.

The Young Historian's Prize is in recognition of the potential of young Filipino scholars on the basis of their single original work in the field of Philippine history and historiography as it foster a sense of national identity, pride, and national interest of the country.

II. Definition of Terms

- a. Young Historian-an individual between 21-40 years old who have shown knowledge in writing history
- b. History-shall refer to a written record of past events relating to Philippine history
- c. Historiography-shall refer to the study of historical writing relating to Philippine history

III. Procedures

A. Administration of the Award

1. The Cultural Heritage Section (CHS) shall serve as the Young Historian's Prize (YHP) Secretariat which shall plan, organize and implement the YHP awards in coordination with the National Committee on Historical Research.
2. The entries shall be appraised by the CHS Secretariat and will be presented to NCHR for the pre-screening process.
3. The selection of Readers shall be based on the following criteria:
 - a) should come from the academe and must have an extensive knowledge on the history and historiography or social sciences;
 - b) must be willing to devote sufficient time and effort to the work of the Panel;
4. The Incumbent and past Executive Council of the National Committee on Historical Research, employees of the National Commission for Culture and the Arts (NCCA) and the National Historical Commission of the Philippines (NHCP) and their relatives up to the fourth degree of consanguinity or affinity are disqualified from submitting entries for the YHP.

B. Eligibility and Criteria Selection

The Young Historian's Prize shall be given to an individual whose work have met the following criteria:

1. The nominee must be Filipino citizen between 21-40 years old at the time of submission
2. Must be single authorship
3. Original work
4. The entry must be written in proper academic style
5. The entry can either be published or publishable work
6. Must have used primary sources that can contribute to the enrichment of the Philippine history and historiography

C. Nomination Procedures

1. The CHS Secretariat shall announce the opening of nominations through media releases.
2. Nominations may be submitted by any academic institution, local historical society, or practicing historian
3. Nominations shall be accepted only when the following are submitted and attached with proper documentation:
 - 3.1 A duly accomplished nomination form;
 - 3.1 Authors curriculum vitae;
 - 3.2 NSO certified birth certificate
 - 3.3 Sworn statement of authorship;
 - 3.4 Manuscript in a PDF file soft copy and three sets of hard copies;
 - 3.5 Two (2) endorsement letters from an academic institution, local historical society or practicing historian

Nominations received beyond the prescribed deadline for the submission of nominations shall not be considered.

All inquiries and nominations shall be submitted to:

The Young Historian's Prize Secretariat

Plan/Policy Formulation and Programming Division

Cultural Heritage Section

The National Commission for Culture and the Arts

NCCA Building, 633 General Luna Street, Intramuros 1002 Manila

D. Selection and Screening Process

1. The YHP Secretariat shall appraise the nominations based on the completeness of documentary requirements.
2. The NCHR shall designate 3 members of the NCHR Executive Council to pre-screen the entries.
3. The pre-screened entries will be subject to evaluation by three external Readers in a double-blind review process.
4. The same 3 External Readers shall also compose the Panel of Jurors who shall discuss the evaluation results and determine the winner in the deliberation meeting.
5. The Readers/Panel of Jurors shall follow the following criteria for evaluation:
 - 3.1. **15%** Topic - contribution to historical knowledge and research
 - 3.2. **30 %** Interpretation- well-written historical narrative and interpretation based on use of various sources
 - 3.3. **30%** Data/Sources -utilization of various sources (primary, secondary, archival, oral, etc.)
 - 3.4. **15%** Coherence - effective presentation and reinforcement of research objectives vis-à-vis topic
 - 3.5. **10%** Writing Style- scholarly work with proper citation of sources, and includes proper grammar and mastery of the language used.

The result of the deliberation will be submitted to the NCHR for approval confirmation and Its decision shall be final and executory.

E. Awarding

The Young Historian's Prize shall be presented annually by the NCCA-NCHR during the meeting of the NCHR to be organized by the CHS Secretariat.

F. Prize

The winner will receive a cash prize of Fifty Thousand Pesos (PhP 50,000.00) net of applicable withholding taxes (PhP62,500 gross), and a certificate of recognition.