

“Il était un poème” contest rules – Submitting a video

The “Il était un poème” contest is organized by the Dialogue Foundation (hereinafter “the contest organizers”) as part of the 2025 Rendez-vous de la Francophonie.

ELIGIBILITY

The contest is open to any person residing in Canada. CFCD employees, officers, representatives, their spouses or common-law partners and anyone with whom they reside are not eligible.

HOW TO PARTICIPATE

Participate online at RVF.ca/en. To participate in the contest, you must go to the “Contest” section of the RVF website and submit the online registration form by December 20, 2024, at 11:59 p.m. (EST) for a chance to be selected as one of the finalists.

The 2025 Rendez-vous de la Francophonie jury will choose the finalists. The public will vote for their favourite poetry or slam poetry video from March 1 to March 31, 2025.

No purchase is required.

CRITERIA FOR PARTICIPATION

To be eligible, the participant must submit all the information requested on the form, including contact details, original text and video of the poetry or slam poetry reading.

Limit of one entry per person/group, per residential address and per email.

PRIZE

Refer to the description of the contest, where you’ll find the prizes for each category.

SELECTION OF WINNERS

The week of April 7, 2025, the contest organizers will contact the winners by email or by phone, at the address or number provided in the registration form.

Participants are responsible for providing a valid email address or phone number where they can be reached between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. on weekdays.

CLAIMING THE PRIZE

To be declared the winner, the selected participant must:

- have submitted an entry to the “Il était un poème” contest by December 20, 2024, and have been selected by the jury as a finalist
- have been contacted by the contest organizers within four business days after the counting of public votes
- comply with all other participation conditions and limitations
- state that they have read, have understood and will comply with the rules

Should the selected individual/group fail to comply with one of the conditions set out in the paragraphs above or any other condition in these contest rules, they will be disqualified from participating in accordance with these rules. The contest organizers shall designate the second place winner (or the third place winner, etc.) as a new potential winner, according to the

number of votes, and the contest organizers will have no obligation or liability whatsoever in this regard.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Verification. Contest organizers may verify entries. Entries that are incomplete, illegible or fraudulent, if applicable, will be automatically rejected and will not be eligible for the prize. Proof of identity must be provided upon request.

Disqualification. The contest organizers reserve the right to disqualify any participant or cancel any entry or entries by anyone entering or attempting to enter this contest in a manner that violates these rules or is inherently unfair to other participants (e.g. fraudulent or invalid email entries). These cases could be referred to the appropriate legal authorities. The contest is subject to all applicable federal, provincial and municipal laws and regulations.

Accepting the prize. All prizes must be accepted as described on the RVF website (RVF.ca/en) and may not be transferred to another person, substituted for another prize or exchanged, in full or in part, for cash.

Refusal to accept a prize. A winner's refusal to accept a prize in accordance with the terms of these rules releases the contest organizers from all obligations pertaining to the prize in relation to this person.

Limitation of liability – using the prize. All those selected release the contest organizers and their contest partners from any liability for damages that may occur as a result of accepting or using their prize.

Limitation of liability – how the contest works. The contest organizers and their partners will not be held liable for theft, any human or technical error in the contest, or the malfunction of any IT component or software related to failed, incomplete, incomprehensible or deleted communications on any computer or network that may limit a person's ability to participate in the contest or prevent them from doing so.

The contest organizers and their partners will not be held liable for typographical or other errors in providing or administering this contest, including, but not limited to, errors in advertising, in the official contest rules, in the selection and announcement of the winners or in the distribution of the prizes.

Amendment. The contest organizers reserve the right, at their sole discretion, to cancel, terminate, modify or suspend the contest, in whole or in part, should an event, error or other human intervention occur that could compromise or affect the administration, security, impartiality or operation of the contest as set out in these rules. In all instances, the contest organizers cannot be required to award a prize other than the one indicated in these rules or to award a prize in any manner other than that specified in these rules.

Limitation of liability/participation. By entering or attempting to enter the contest, no person shall hold the contest organizers liable for any damage that could occur in connection with their participation or attempted participation in the contest.

Authorizations. By submitting a completed contest form, all participants give the contest organizers permission to use, copy, modify and distribute, free of charge, the relevant information provided, in whole or in part, without any form of compensation, without prior request and without limit as to the period of use, in any media, worldwide, for advertising purposes or any other purpose deemed relevant. The participant will be named in all publications.

The participant also confirms that the information provided contains no element that infringes the rights of a third party (e.g. unauthorized reproduction of a third-party text).

By participating in the contest, the winner authorizes the contest organizers to use, if applicable, their name, photograph, likeness, statement relating to the prize, place of residence without any form of compensation, at their discretion and without limit as to the period of use, in any media, worldwide, for advertising purposes or any other purpose deemed relevant.

Communication with participants. There will be no communication or correspondence with participants in this contest, except the winners.

Rules. The rules are available upon request and in the “Contest” section of the RVF website (RVF.ca/en).

Personal information. The personal information pertaining to the contest that is collected from participants will be used solely for the administration of this contest. It is subject to the *Privacy Act* and related policies.