



Premio **Piccolo Galileo**

Scientific Literature Award for Children

1. Organization: Pleiadi Group, a company operating in the field of scientific communication for years, announces the third edition of the Piccolo Galileo Award, dedicated to scientific literature for girls and boys. The Piccolo Galileo Award, established in 2022 within the framework of the Galileo Literary Award for scientific dissemination aimed at adult publications, organized by the Municipality of Padua, is now a completely autonomous and itinerant award throughout Italy.

2. Recipients: The Piccolo Galileo Award is aimed at Italian and foreign publishing houses dealing with scientific dissemination and popularization publications, and beyond, dedicated to three different age groups: in the Junior category, books printed in Italy for the first time and in Italian for readers aged 5 to 10 years are awarded; in the Young category, instead, books printed in Italy for the first time and in Italian for readers aged 11 to 16 years are awarded; in the Stranger category, international books printed for the first time abroad, translated into Italian for readers aged 7 to 12 years are awarded.

3. Participation Requirements: All scientific publications (books, eBooks, manuals, comics, pop-ups, gamebooks, etc.) aimed at minors, whose themes are related to the world of sciences, nature, mathematics, physics, chemistry, biology, earth sciences, astronomy, food sciences, ecology, ethology, medicine, engineering, and innovation, can compete for the Piccolo Galileo Award. The works must have been published for the first time in Italian between January 1, 2022, and March 31, 2024, must have an ISBN code, be regularly available in print or eBook format, and the authors must be alive at the date of the selection by the Scientific Jury. Furthermore, publishing houses must have the authors' consent to participate. It is possible to submit more than one publication from the catalog, for the same category (Junior / Young / Stranger) or in all three categories. Works already selected for similar awards may participate, but not the three finalist books of each category of the first and second editions of the Piccolo Galileo Award. From this year, translations of publications in languages, whose first publication in Italian took place between January 1, 2022, and March 31, 2024, even if the original language release is earlier, are admitted. In case of selection among the three finalists, the publishing house undertakes to send an additional ten copies of the book in the manner and within the times that will be communicated later, while the author, obligatorily for the Junior and Young category, optionally for the Stranger category, undertakes to participate in the events organized for the award ceremony. In case of selection among the three finalist books, furthermore, the publishing house undertakes to produce a paper band or a sticker to be affixed to all copies printed after the proclamation or to modify the cover with a digital band, in case of eBooks. Failure to comply with these commitments by the publishing house and authors will result in the immediate exclusion of the book from the Piccolo Galileo Award final round.

4. Participation Method: Publishers can submit their application through the digital participation form, which can be filled out at this address: <https://forms.gle/GtwzGtntVYeS3gDr5>. The automated procedure allows you to choose the participation sections and attach the required documents, specifically:

- PDF and/or EPUB of the book;
- Book data sheet;
- High-resolution cover image;
- Biographies and photos of the authors
- (high-resolution photos).

By the same date, publishing houses must have sent five hard copies to the following address:
Piccolo Galileo

The deadline for completing the form and submitting the requested attachments is set for
Tuesday, May 14th, at 12:00 PM.

c/o Gruppo Pleiadi scs
Via C. Cavour, 52
35010 Vigonza (PD)

For the reception of books within the deadlines, the postmark will be valid. No receipt will be provided: The Organizing Secretary will contact publishing houses only in case of reception problems. Pleiadi Group may at any time and for any reason reopen the participation terms, communicating it on its social media channels and to already participating publishing houses (which may, in this case, submit new applications).

5. Scientific Jury: The Piccolo Galileo Award Directorate identifies and appoints the Scientific Jury, composed of three or more members, among scientists, researchers, popularizers, journalists, writers, and influencers from the scientific and childhood world. Among them is appointed the Jury President, who presides over the selections by the Scientific Jury with voting rights. The Scientific Jury selects three finalist books for each category (Junior/Young/Stranger) and participates in person at the award ceremony for each category, together with the Children's Jury and the Children's Audience. The Scientific Jury, for the 2024 edition, will be communicated within 10 days after the deadline set for the reception of competing books.

6. Finalists Selection: After verifying the participation requirements, the Organizing Secretary will send the titles of the books submitted by publishing houses to the Scientific Jury, providing them with digital versions of the publications. The Jurors will have until August 30, 2024, to review the submitted nominations and, by that date, inform the Organizing Secretary of fifteen books (five for the Junior category, five for the Young category, and five for the Stranger category) that they deem worthy of the Piccolo Galileo Award final round, in exact order of preference, from the first to the fifth position for each category. The Organizing Secretary will collect the votes and assign 5 points to the books in first place for each Juror, 4 points for the second place, 3 points for the third place, 2 points for the fourth place, and 1 point for the fifth. The sum of the votes will constitute the ranking of the most voted books by the Scientific Jury for each category. Among them, the top three positions will constitute the podium of the three finalists for each category. In case of a tie among the top three positions, the Jurors will be called upon to vote again, indicating their preferences exclusively for the tied books. In case of disagreement, the Jury President's vote will be considered double. During the voting procedures, the preferences of the Jurors, the relative ranking, and the names of the three finalists for each category will

be made known on social channels and on the Piccolo Galileo Award website and on Gruppo Pleiadi's social media channels (including partner museums' social media channels: MU-CH, the Museum of Chemistry, and Children's Museum Verona) and communicated to publishing houses. The judgment of the Scientific Jury is definitive. The Scientific Jury will also be called upon to provide its own judgment, live, during the award ceremony. After listening to the presentation of the three finalist books for the Junior and Young categories, each juror will provide their podium (first, second, and third). For each juror, 4 points will be assigned to the first, 2 points to the second, and 1 point to the third. The sum of the votes obtained by each book in the competition will contribute to determining the winner for the Young and Junior categories. The Jury's vote will account for 25% of the total for each of the two categories, Junior and Young. For the Stranger category, the final judgment is solely in the hands of the Children's Jury.

7.Children's Jury: In addition to the Scientific Jury, the Piccolo Galileo Award also includes a special jury of young readers who will be called upon to select the winning books among the three finalists for each category (Junior/Young/Stranger). The Children's Jury will be identified through a digital motivational selection process, which will be initiated, and of which communication will be provided on social media channels and on the Piccolo Galileo Award website, in April and May 2024. In June 2023, Pleiadi Group will select ten Jurors for the Junior category, among participants aged 5 to 10 years, ten Jurors for the Young category, among participants aged 11 to 16 years, and ten Jurors for the Stranger category, among participants aged 7 to 12 years, from the applications received. The ten Jurors for each category will receive a printed copy of the three finalist books of their respective category in September 2024, and will be asked to fill out a digital form to express their personal ranking of the three books by 11:59 PM on October 27, 2024. Books will be assigned points, in order of preference, for each Juror: 4 points to the most preferred, 2 points to the second, and 1 point to the third. The sum of the votes obtained by each book in the competition will contribute to determining the winner. The votes of the Children's Jury will be made known only at the final round and will contribute to determining the winners of the two categories, Junior and Young, with a weight of 45%. For the Stranger category, the vote of the Children's Jury will have a weight of 100%, thus determining the absolute winner of the category.

8.Audience: In addition to the two winning books of the Piccolo Galileo Award for the Junior and Young categories, a special jury present in person, called the Audience, will also be part of the voting procedures. It will consist of a maximum of 30 young readers aged 5 to 16 years for each category, who will vote in person during the final round to determine the overall winners of the Piccolo Galileo Award for the two categories. The vote will take place through an electronic device that will be provided to them after attending the presentation of the three finalist books for each category and with which they can vote live. The votes of the Audience will contribute to determining the winners of the two categories with a weight of 30%. It will be possible to register for free to become a member of the Audience through an online form that will be advertised on social channels and on the Piccolo Galileo Award website during October and November 2024.

9.Winners' Award Ceremony: The final round will take place in the presence of the members of the Scientific Jury, the members of the Children's Jury, the Audience, as well as other special

guests and participants. The event will be communicated later on social channels and on the Piccolo Galileo Award website.

The winners of the two categories, Junior and Young, will be determined by the sum of the preferences of the Scientific Jury (25% of the votes), the Children's Jury (45% of the votes, announced on this occasion), and the Audience (30% of the votes, with live voting), while the winner of the Stranger category will be determined by the sum of the preferences of the Children's Jury only (100% of the votes, announced on this occasion).

10.Prizes: Each of the three finalist books, for each category, will be awarded a cash prize worth 500.00, which will be divided equally in case of co-authors and illustrators, in addition to a special plaque. For the Junior and Young category winners, the authors must agree to participate in the presentation event of their book and the award ceremony of the Piccolo Galileo Award Winner, during which the first-place winner will receive an additional cash prize worth at least 1,000.00, divided equally in case of co-authors and illustrators. Travel expenses for the city hosting the award ceremony, within Italy, and possible overnight stay for a single author for each of the three finalists for the Junior and Young categories will be covered by Pleiadi Group. The presence of authors in the Stranger category is not mandatory, therefore no reimbursement is provided. If the finalist declares themselves unable to participate in the events surrounding the final round due to illness or serious private matters, they can participate remotely. The winning books will bear the titles "Piccolo Galileo Award - Junior Winner Edition 2024" for the Junior category, "Piccolo Galileo Award - Young Winner Edition 2024" for the Young category, and "Piccolo Galileo Award - Stranger Winner Edition 2024" for the Stranger category. This wording must be included by the publishing house on a special band or sticker on printed copies, to be done according to the instructions provided by Pleiadi Group on all printed or digitally distributed copies following the announcement. If the winning publishing house fails to comply with the clause regarding the placement of the band or sticker on printed copies, Pleiadi Group reserves the right to request the return of the cash prize for the first prize.

11.Benefits for Publishing Houses and Authors: In addition to the mentioned prizes, participation in the Piccolo Galileo Award offers publishing houses and finalist authors of the three categories a series of benefits, including:

- Promotion on national and local media.
- Promotion on social media profiles and website of the Piccolo Galileo Award and through advertising.
- Reserved place and participation in the award ceremony for publishing houses of finalist books (any travel, accommodation, and meal expenses remain the responsibility of the publishing house).

12.Facilities for the Children's Jury: Pleiadi Group will offer a flat-rate reimbursement for travel to Padua for the Children's Jury members and their two parents. The participants will bear accommodation and meal expenses.

13.Privacy: The data controller for personal data is Pleiadi Group scs, via Cesare Battisti 51, 35010 Limena (PD). The complete information is available on the page: premiopiccologalileo.it.

14.References: The Organizing Secretary of the Piccolo Galileo Award is available for doubts, clarifications, information requests, and technical issues regarding the participation form at the email address: piccologalileo@gruppopleiadi.it and the following telephone number: 049701778.049701778.