

## PICCOLO GALILEO

### Scientific Literature Award for Children and Young Readers

#### Regulations - 2025 Edition

##### 1. Organization

Gruppo Pleiadi, a company that has been active for years in the field of scientific dissemination, announces the fourth edition of Piccolo Galileo, the award dedicated to scientific literature for children and young readers. Established in 2022 within the framework of the Galileo Literary Prize for Scientific Dissemination, aimed at adult scientific publications and organized by the Municipality of Padua, Piccolo Galileo is now a fully independent and itinerant award throughout Italy.

##### 2. Target Audience

Piccolo Galileo is aimed at Italian and international publishing houses specializing in scientific and educational publications for three different age groups:

- **Junior Category:** Books first published in Italy in Italian, targeting readers aged 5 to 10.
- **Young Category:** Books first published in Italy in Italian, targeting readers aged 11 to 16.
- **Stranger Category:** International books first published abroad and translated into Italian, targeting readers aged 7 to 12.

##### 3. Participation Requirements

Eligible for submission to Piccolo Galileo are all scientific publications (books, ebooks, manuals, comics, pop-up books, gamebooks, etc.) aimed at minors, covering topics related to science, nature, mathematics, physics, chemistry, biology, earth sciences, astronomy, food sciences, ecology, ethology, medicine, engineering, and innovation. The works must have been published for the first time in Italian between January 1, 2023, and March 31, 2025, must have an ISBN, be available in print and/or ebook format, and the authors must be alive at the time of selection by the Scientific Jury. Additionally, publishers must obtain authors' consent for participation. Multiple works can be submitted for the same category (Junior/Young/Stranger) or across all three categories.

Books that have been selected for similar awards can participate, except for the three finalist books of each category from previous editions of Piccolo Galileo. In the Stranger category, translated publications are eligible if their first Italian publication occurred between January 1, 2023, and March 31, 2025, even if the original language publication predates this period.

If selected as one of the three finalists, the publisher must send ten additional copies of the book within the specified timeframe. Authors (mandatory for Junior and Young categories, optional for Stranger) must participate in events during the final. Publishers must also create a paper band or sticker for all printed copies after the announcement or modify the digital cover in case of an ebook. Failure to comply will result in immediate disqualification.

##### 4. Submission Process

Publishers can submit their applications through the online form available at [premiopiccologalileo.it](http://premiopiccologalileo.it). The application requires the following attachments:

- PDF and/or EPUB version of the book.
- Technical sheet.
- High-resolution cover image.
- Biography and high-resolution photo of the authors.

The deadline for submission is **Monday, May 19, at 12:00 PM**. Five physical copies must also be sent to the following address:

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

The postmark will serve as proof of timely submission. No receipt confirmation will be provided, and publishers will be contacted only in case of issues.

#### 5. **Scientific Jury**

The Piccolo Galileo Directorate appoints the Scientific Jury, consisting of at least three members, including scientists, researchers, science communicators, journalists, writers, and influencers in the fields of science and childhood literature. The Jury elects three finalists per category and participates in the final awards ceremony. The 2025 Scientific Jury will be announced within ten days of the book submission deadline.

#### 6. **Finalist Selection**

The Organizational Secretariat will verify compliance and forward the submitted books in digital format to the Scientific Jury, which will select fifteen books (five per category) by **August 30, 2025**. The votes will be tallied to determine the top three finalists per category. In case of a tie, a revote will occur, and the Jury President's vote will count as double if needed. The list of finalists will be published on Piccolo Galileo's official channels.

#### 7. **Young Readers' Jury**

A special jury of young readers will vote to select winners among the finalists. Applications for this jury will open in **April-May 2025**, and ten jurors will be selected per category. They will receive the three finalist books in their category by **September 2025** and submit their votes via a digital form by **October 27, 2025**.

#### 8. **Public Jury**

A live audience of up to 30 young readers per category (ages 5-16) will vote during the final event using electronic devices, contributing 30% of the total score for the Junior and Young categories. Registration for the Public Jury will open in **October-November 2025**.

#### 9. **Awards Ceremony**

The final event will feature the Scientific Jury, Young Readers' Jury, and the Public Jury. Winners in the Junior and Young categories will be determined by a weighted combination of votes:

- 25% from the Scientific Jury
- 45% from the Young Readers' Jury
- 30% from the Public Jury

The Stranger category winner will be decided exclusively by the Young Readers' Jury (100% of the votes).

**10. Prizes**

Each finalist book will receive a cash prize of **€500**, split equally among co-authors and illustrators. The Junior and Young category winners will receive an additional **€1,000**, provided they attend the final event. Travel expenses for one author per finalist book (Junior and Young categories only) within Italy will be covered by Gruppo Pleiadi. The winners' titles must be displayed on book covers as instructed by Gruppo Pleiadi.

**11. Benefits for Publishers and Authors**

Finalists and winners will receive:

- Media coverage.
- Social media promotion and advertising by Piccolo Galileo and Gruppo Pleiadi.
- Reserved seats at the awards ceremony (travel expenses remain the publisher's responsibility).

**12. Privacy**

Data is managed by Gruppo Pleiadi scs, via Cesare Battisti 51, 35010 Limena (PD).  
The full privacy policy is available at [premiopiccologalileo.it](http://premiopiccologalileo.it).

**13. Contact Information**

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