

# Khalid Khalifa Award for Novel

Launching the Khalid Khalifa Award for Novel

Friends of the late Syrian novelist Khalid Khalifa announced the establishment of the "Khalid Khalifa Award for Novel"

on the first anniversary of his passing on September 30.

This independent and impartial award adheres to high standards without any form of discrimination.

Funded by his friends,

it celebrates the art of novel writing and honors Khalid's legacy as one of the most prominent Arab novelists, who dedicated

his work to exposing injustice. The award targets first-time novelists, aiming to honor and support those who embody the

spirit of innovation, cultural depth, and the values Khalid championed throughout his career.

The award is valued at \$1,000, and the winner also receives the opportunity to publish their novel with a renowned publisher

and potentially have it translated into other languages. Additionally, the winner receives a commemorative shield featuring

their image alongside Khalid Khalifa's.

Applications open on January 1, 2025, coinciding with Khalid's birthday. Applications must be submitted through the official

website of the award: <https://khaledkhalifaaward.org/>. The deadline for submissions is March 30, 2025, and the winner will

be announced in June 2025.

To establish this award, a preparatory committee reached out to several cultural figures to join the award's board of trustees,

including Subhi Hadidi, a Syrian critic and translator residing in Paris, and several other prominent personalities from

the Arab literary community.

Khalid Khalifa was born on January 1, 1964, in the village of Urum al-Sughra near Aleppo, into a family involved in olive

farming and the truck parts trade. He began his literary journey as a poet and became a recognized novelist with numerous

internationally acclaimed works, including the widely recognized "In Praise of Hatred" (2006). His novels have been translated

into multiple languages and have earned recognition from prestigious awards worldwide.