



European contest for young manga artists
2026 • 14th edition

CONTEST RULES

Art. 1

The 14th edition of the Mangaka Contest is open to participants of 14 years of age or older, residing or living in any Member state of the European Union, provided they have never been paid to publish on magazines, newspapers or other kinds of printed media.

Art. 2

The competition consists in submitting a short story drawn with manga technique, hand or digitally drawn. The whole work must be in black and white, **14** pages long, and the text must proceed in the English reading direction, from left to right, with the first page on the right. The whole story must be made up of 14 pages, with no illustrations at the beginning, middle or end. The story can cover any topic, but may include a maximum of **10** speech/thought/narration balloons. The target is an audience between 14-24 years of age.

Art. 3

Participants must submit their works in high definition digital format, strictly in TIFF B/W format at 600 or 1200 dpi. The maximum page size is A3 (297 x 420mm).

Art. 4

Contestants must submit original and unpublished works, otherwise they will be excluded from the competition.

Art. 5

Each author can submit only one work.

Art. 6

Works made by multiple authors are not allowed.

Art. 7

Works must be submitted no later than 31 July 2026, through the Academy's Wettransfer service, available at: <https://accademiamanga.wetransfer.com/>

Art. 8

A jury of experts and professionals will examine all works submitted by the end of the deadline and will reward the best ones. The jury's decision is final.

Art. 9

Winners will be announced at the latest on the 10th of December on the contest's website. There will also be a public event, the details of which will be forwarded to the winners.

Art. 10

Participation to the contest implies the full acceptance of the rules described herein. Any failure to comply with the rules entails the contestant's exclusion from the competition.

Art. 11

At the discretion of the contest's organizers, all works submitted may be used, published or otherwise disclosed, non-profit, by the contest's partners (listed in the "partners" section of this document) without prior authorisation from the authors and without any kind of recognition aside from the authorship of the work itself. Any other use of the works will be negotiated between the partner and the author.

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CONSENT FORM FOR PARTICIPANTS UNDER 18

I, the undersigned _____

born on (nn/mm/yyyy) _____ in (state) _____

residing in (address) _____

postcode _____ city _____

phone number _____ email _____

having full custody of

_____ of age _____

By signing this form, I confirm that I:

- Have read the rules of the Mangaka Contest competition and accept all the terms and conditions described therein
- Authorise the participation of my child to the Magaka Contest competition

Place and date

Signature of Parent or Legal Guardian

Concerning images or videos that portray my child, I furthermore agree to allow free usage of any images of my child

_____ of age _____

in contexts that do not undermine their personal dignity.

Place and date

Signature of Parent or Legal Guardian

Information pursuant to the EU Regulation 2016/679 GDPR

All data transmitted to the European Manga Academy slr on the occasion of the contestant's participation to the contest will be treated by the company itself, in electronic format and in paper form, in a lawful and fair manner, safeguarding privacy and with the sole purpose of carrying out the Mangaka Contest competition. The data supply requested by the form is mandatory.

The data controller is the European Manga Academy slr, based in Volterra, Piazzetta San Michele 2, fiscal code/VAT number 01927870509