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5,000 WORDS

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**December
31st 2025**

Price

AED 75

OUR THEME

Writing the Future, Remembering the Past

Their Past, Our Future celebrates the creative voices of writers across the UAE.

Organised by Sahab Collective, the initiative invites writers to reflect on how stories, traditions, and memories from our shared past can inspire the world.

Supported by teachers and parents, this competition nurtures writing, empathy, and creative thinking, values central to the UAE's vision for the future of education and culture.

How to apply:

Register to the competition using the link:

- <https://www.sahabcollective.com/course/5000-words-writing-competition>
- Watch the introductory videos to understand what we are looking for.
- Upload your piece ahead of the deadline.
- Make sure you follow the guidelines on submitting your piece.
- Deadline: December 31st 2025.
- Winners announced: February 1st 2026.

Eligibility

- Open to all residents of the UAE, including students, teachers, and adult writers
- Work must be written in English, be original and unpublished. Collaborative entries are permitted if clearly credited.

Guidelines

- Explore how stories, traditions, or memories shape identity, belonging, and imagination for the future.
- Up to 5,000 words.
- Submissions that contain plagiarised, AI-generated, or offensive material will be disqualified.
- By submitting, authors grant Sahab Collective the right to publish their work (print and digital) if shortlisted.

Winners

- All participants will receive a certificate of participation.
Selected entries will: Be featured in The Sahab Collective journal
- Invitation to a public reading and award ceremony in Dubai.
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