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**17TH EDITION OF THE MIGUEL FERNANDEZ INTERNATIONAL
PRIZE FOR FICTION AND POETRY**

The Department of Spanish Language and Literature of the Spanish Ministry of Education and Science is launching the **17th Edition of the Miguel Fernandez International Prize for Fiction and Poetry.**

The competition is open to Spanish speaking students aged 14 to 18 years old. Prizes will be awarded to the first and second place winners for fiction and poetry. Deadline for submission of entries is on **March 31, 2011.**

For the fiction category, entries should have at least four (4) pages but not more than eight (8) pages. For the poetry category, entries should have a minimum of fourteen (14) and a maximum of forty (40) verses for each poem submitted.

All submitted works should be presented in A4 paper, double-spaced, and in font size 12 Arial or any similar font. Entries are to be submitted in quintuplicate (5 copies). Each work should contain the name of the author, school, address and telephone number. A photocopy of any document that shows the person's date of birth should also be submitted.

For those who wish to submit their works via post, entries can be sent to the following address:

IES Miguel Fernandez
Para el XVII Premio (Miguel Fernandez)
Apartado de Correos, 537
52006 – Melilla, Spain

For those who wish to send their entries via e-mail, entries can be sent to premiomfernandez@yahoo.es.

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