

The YMCA CNY Book Awards

Sponsored by the YMCA's Downtown Writers Center

Nomination Form, 2020

Postmark Deadline: December 31, 2020

Award Categories: Fiction, Poetry, Non-Fiction, Children's Books

Prizes: An award plaque, along with a check for \$350, is provided to the winner in each genre.

Eligibility Requirements:

- Books must have been published between July 1, 2019 and December 31, 2020. If your book falls slightly before this range, and was *not* nominated for the 2019 Awards, contact us.
- Nominated authors must live in one of the following counties: Seneca, Tioga, Tompkins, Cayuga, Oswego, Onondaga, Cortland, Broome, Chenango, Madison, Oneida, Lewis, Jefferson.
- Books may be nominated by the author, their publisher, or any resident of the counties above.
- Two copies of the nominated book (actual books, not photocopies or print-outs), and an entry fee of \$15 (check or money order made payable to "YMCA") must be included with this form. Incomplete nominations will not be considered.
- Works published solely in electronic formats are not eligible.
- Books with more than one author are eligible, so long as one author meets the requirements.
- Literary journals are not eligible.

The CNY Book Awards Reception: The Awards Reception will be held in spring 2021, at a date and location TBD. Although attendance at the Reception is not required for recognition, we hope that all nominated authors will plan to attend... each nominated author receives free admission to the Reception, and may purchase additional tickets at a discount. All nominated authors and presses will be notified of the date and time of the Reception when that information is available.

NOMINATION FORM

Author Name: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Address (street, city, zip); _____

Book Title: _____

Genre (please circle): fiction nonfiction poetry children's book

ISBN#: _____ Publisher: _____

Publisher Contact Name: _____

Publisher Email: _____

**Please send form and required materials to:
YMCA, Attn: The Downtown Writer's Center,
340 Montgomery St., Syracuse, NY 13202.**

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FAQ

If I am from one of the eligible counties, but am not a current resident, am I eligible? No, you must be a current resident of the eligible county.

If I am the author of multiple eligible books, can I be nominated more than once? Absolutely. Please use a separate nomination form for each title, and be sure to include a separate entry fee for each nomination.

My book was published directly to Kindle / Nook / etc. Am I eligible? Books must have been published in a physical print edition to be eligible.

My book is self-published. Am I eligible? Absolutely! In fact, self-published titles have even been named as finalists in several past years of the Awards.

Are chapbooks eligible? Yes, chapbooks may be nominated for the Awards.

When/Where is the Awards Reception? The 2020 Awards Reception will be held in Spring 2021. It's a great party, and each nominee gets a free ticket! More details will be available closer to the event.

How much are tickets for the Awards Reception? Tickets are \$75 for the public, and \$65 for guests of nominated authors. Each author receives a complimentary ticket for their own use. Funds raised from the Awards Reception go to support the charitable mission of the YMCA's Downtown Writers Center, and a portion of each ticket price is tax deductible.

Are winners notified before the Awards Reception? No. The winners are announced for the first time at the Reception, and no one is notified ahead of time.

Who are the judges? 2020 judges will be announced after the nomination deadline has passed. As always, they will be terrific authors from outside the CNY community, to help insure that judging is impartial.

How is the WAER People's Choice Award decided? Guests at the Awards Reception vote by secret ballot. Votes are tallied towards the end of the evening, and the prize is awarded at that conclusion of the Reception.

I edited a book (for example, a collection of stories or essays by multiple authors). Is it eligible? Yes, provided that (1) a lead editor resides in the eligible region, and (2) that the eligible editor has at least one piece of writing in the book (an introduction, essay, poem, etc.). Please check with us if you are unsure.

My question isn't answered here!

Sorry! Give director Phil Memmer a call at (315) 474-6851 x328, and we'll do our best to answer it for you.