



2010 Literary Awards Call for Submissions

PEN Center USA's Annual Literary Awards, established in 1982, are a unique, regional competition that recognizes literary excellence in ten categories: *fiction, creative nonfiction, research nonfiction, poetry, children's literature, translation, journalism, drama, teleplay, and screenplay*. Past award winners include:

Woody Allen
Rudolfo Anaya
Paul Thomas Anderson
Ray Bradbury
T.C. Boyle
Sandra Cisneros
George Clooney
Cameron Crowe
Ariel & Will Durant
Carrie Fisher
Betty Friedan
Matt Groening
Vaclav Havel

Charlie Kaufman
Barbara Kingsolver
Maxine Hong Kingston
Ursula K. Le Guin
Dan Savage
Neil Simon
Oliver Stone
Michael Tolkin
Gus Van Sant
Gore Vidal
Alice Walker
Billy Wilder
Steven Zaillian

PEN USA is accepting submissions of work produced or published in 2009 by writers living west of the Mississippi River. Entries in the ten categories are reviewed and judged by panels of distinguished writers, critics and editors. Winners are announced in late summer. Each receives a \$1,000 cash prize, a year of PEN membership, and will be PEN's guest at the Annual Literary Awards Festival in Los Angeles.

The Festival is held at the Beverly Hills Hotel and features a dinner, the awards ceremony, and a silent auction or raffle. This gala draws over 500 prominent writers, editors, publishers, actors, and directors.

GUIDELINES & ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

Authors and translators whose primary residence is in the United States, **west of the Mississippi River, including all of Minnesota and Louisiana**. For works authored by two or more writers, the majority of the writers must reside west of the Mississippi River, including all of Minnesota and Louisiana. Works may be submitted by authors, their publishers, agents, or publicists.

ELIGIBLE SUBMISSIONS

Books of outstanding literary merit **originally published in 2009** in the following categories:

- FICTION
- CREATIVE NONFICTION: Memoir, autobiography, personal essays, etc.
- RESEARCH NONFICTION: Biography, reportage, history, etc.
- POETRY
- CHILDREN'S & YOUNG ADULT LITERATURE: For all age groups.
- TRANSLATION

*Book category submissions **must be received by Dec. 31, 2009***

Non-book categories include works **originally published or produced in 2009**:

- DRAMA
- SCREENPLAY
- TELEPLAY
- LITERARY JOURNALISM

*Non-book category submissions **must be received by Jan. 31, 2010***

WHAT TO SUBMIT

- Four (4) copies of the entry
- Completed entry form (Must include author's state of residence)
- \$35 entry fee for each submission
- Self-addressed stamped postcard for confirmation of receipt (Optional)

ATTENTION

- Anthologies, publish-on-demand, and self-published books are not eligible.
- Entries will not be returned.
- We will **not** select a category on your behalf. You must select **only one**.

THE SELECTION PROCESS

Entries will be read and evaluated by a distinguished panel of judges. The judges will select one winner and up to four finalists for each category. Winners will be announced in summer of 2010.

For further information, contact awards@penusa.org

2010 Literary Awards: Book Submission Form

Check **one** category:

Book category **deadline Dec. 31, 2009**

- Fiction
- Creative Nonfiction
- Research Nonfiction
- Poetry
- Children's & Young Adult Literature
- Translation

Non-book **deadline Jan. 31, 2010**

- Drama
- Screenplay
- Teleplay
- Literary Journalism

TITLE OF SUBMISSION _____

AUTHOR(S)/TRANSLATOR(S) _____

AUTHOR'S ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

PHONE () _____ EMAIL _____

PUBLISHER _____

CONTACT PERSON _____ POSITION _____

PUBLISHER ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

PHONE () _____ EMAIL _____

Return this form with four (4) copies of each title you are submitting and a check of \$35 for each entry:

PEN Center USA
269 South Beverly Drive, #1163
Beverly Hills, CA 90212

If you'd rather pay by credit card, please fill out the entry form below:

NAME ON CARD _____

Type VISA MASTERCARD AMERICAN EXPRESS

CARD NUMBER _____ EXPIRATION DATE _____

TOTAL \$35 entry fee x _____ (number of titles submitted) = \$ _____