

2019 MAINE LITERARY AWARDS NOMINATION

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BOOK AWARDS

- Fiction
- Crime Fiction
- Speculative Fiction
- Nonfiction
- Memoir
- Poetry
- Children's Literature
- Young People's Literature
- Anthology
- John N. Cole Award for Maine-themed Nonfiction
- Excellence in Publishing

DRAMA AWARD

SHORT WORKS AWARDS

- Fiction
- Nonfiction
- Poetry

YOUTH AWARDS

- Fiction
- Nonfiction
- Poetry

SUBMISSION FEES

Book Awards & Excellence in Publishing Award

Members \$25 | Nonmembers \$45

Drama Award & Short Works Awards

Members \$10 | Nonmembers \$25

SUBMISSION CHECKLIST

- Nomination Form
- Submission Fee
- Book or Manuscript (two copies)

DEADLINE: February 1, 2019

2019 MAINE LITERARY AWARDS

SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

ELIGIBILITY

The 2019 Maine Literary Awards are open to all Maine residents, including seasonal residents. All nominations for the Book Awards, regardless of category, must have been published during the 2018 calendar year. The editors (or lead editor) of books entered in the Anthology category must be Maine residents. Maine publishers of books by out-of-state authors may enter the Excellence in Publishing Award.

DEADLINE

All submissions must be postmarked by **February 1, 2019**. Receipt of submissions will be acknowledged. The MWPA is not responsible for lost or damaged submissions. The 2019 Maine Literary Awards ceremony will be held in June.

MULTIPLE ENTRIES

Authors and publishers may nominate multiple different books or manuscripts, but each individual entry must be accompanied by its own nomination form. Each individual book may only be entered into a single category, e.g. either nonfiction or memoir, but not both.

SELF-PUBLISHED BOOKS

Self-published books may be entered in the relevant book-award category; there is no separate category for self-published books.

REVIEW PROCESS

All entries will be judged by a panel of professionals in the literary arts. Jurors have been selected for their expertise in a specific genre or in the literary arts generally. Every possible effort is made to avoid conflicts of interest during the review and award process.

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SUBMIT

Please mail your books or manuscripts, a completed nomination form, and entry fee to:

2019 Maine Literary Awards, c/o MWPA
314 Forest Avenue, # 318, Portland, ME 04101

THE FINE PRINT

(1) No email or fax submissions will be accepted. (2) Please do not mail any submissions that require a signature. (3) If an incomplete nomination is received and time allows, the MWPA will do its best to notify the applicant and rectify the problem; the MWPA is not responsible for fixing incomplete nominations. (4) The MWPA reserves the right to decline awarding a winner in any category if the judges determine that there are no entries of sufficient quality to merit an award. In such a circumstance, one-half (50%) of the entry fee will be returned to the entrants in the relevant category.

SUBMISSION DETAILS

Book Awards

Please submit two copies of each book being nominated. No submissions will be returned. Books published exclusively as ebooks may be entered but must be submitted in printed form on 8.5 x 11 paper. **Crime Fiction** includes: crime, noir, thriller, suspense, mystery, police procedurals, and cozys. **Speculative Fiction** includes: science fiction, fantasy, dystopian, horror, and supernatural. **Submissions in these categories are elective; authors may nominate fictional works for the general Fiction category.* **Children's Literature** is a general term for illustrated books meant to either be read to young children or read by very young, new readers. **Young People's Literature** is a general term for chapter books meant to read by kids who are reading comfortably on their own, such as "middle reader" and "young adult" books. Submissions to the **John N. Cole Award for Maine-themed Nonfiction** must be both Maine-themed and nonfiction. **Excellence in Publishing Award** is open to Maine publishers of books written by both in-state and out-of-state authors and submissions may include a wide range of books that do not fit other categories, such as photography books, cookbooks, and field guides, for example.

Short Works Awards & Drama Award

For unpublished or previously published works, including excerpts from longer works; previously published works must be from 2018. Please submit two copies of your manuscript, which cannot exceed 10 pages for poetry (*one poem per page*) or 20 pages for drama, fiction, and nonfiction. All manuscripts must meet the following formatting requirements: 12-point font, double-spaced lines (*excluding poetry*), and one-inch margins on standard 8.5 x 11 paper. The author's name should not appear on any of the manuscript pages. A separate cover sheet with the author's name and the title of the work may be included. No submissions will be returned.

Youth Awards

This free competition is open to young adults in Maine's middle and high schools, and to home-schooled students at comparable age and grade levels. Please submit two copies of your manuscript, which cannot exceed 10 pages for poetry (*one poem per page*) or 20 pages for fiction and nonfiction. All manuscripts must meet the following formatting requirements: 12-point font, double-spaced lines (*excluding poetry*), and one-inch margins on standard 8.5 x 11 paper. The author's name should not appear on any of the manuscript pages. A separate cover sheet with the author's name and the title of the work may be included. No submissions will be returned.

Teachers and Parents: Please include your name and contact information if you are nominating a student. Multiple nominations for the Youth Competition categories will be accepted, but make sure the relevant name, work, and genre are clearly indicated on a cover sheet. The following format can be used:

Mrs. Teacher Jones, Maine Country School

1) Jane Student – "My Summer Vacation" – Nonfiction

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