



Judge Application Form for Preliminary and Final Round Panels

(Please note: The deadline for applying is 5 p.m. on Wednesday, October 14, 2009.)

Name:

Organization:

Address:

City, State, Zip:

This is a Home Business Address (please check one)

Email Address:

Daytime Phone Number:

Evening Phone Number:

Please indicate your interest and availability to serve as a preliminary and/or final round judge. You may check both boxes, but selected applicants will be assigned to just one round.

Preliminary round judge. (Depending on the assigned category, judges in this round can expect to review 20-65+ books.) Preliminary round judges are required to participate in the selection meeting the afternoon of **Saturday, January 30, 2010** beginning at 1 p.m. Are you available to attend this session?
Yes No

Final round judge. Final round judges are required to participate in the selection meeting the afternoon of **Saturday, March 6, 2010** beginning at 1 p.m. Are you available to attend this session?
Yes No

Have you been a Minnesota Book Awards judge in the past? Yes No
If "yes", please indicate the year(s) you served as a judge and which category you judged each year:

Have you reviewed the Judge Position Overview for your preferred judging round? Yes No

Please indicate the Book Award category(ies) you feel most qualified to judge. Use a "1" to indicate your first or only choice. If there is a category which is your second choice for judging, please use a "2" to identify that category.

Children's Literature

General Nonfiction

Genre Fiction

Memoir & Creative Nonfiction

Minnesota

Novel & Short Story

Poetry

Young People's Literature

Please provide a concise response for the following questions:

1. Please list the primary qualifications and/or experiences you feel qualify you to serve as a judge for the Minnesota Book Awards, in particular as your qualifications relate to your preferred category(ies). Examples might include past judging experience, critical writing, academic degrees, breadth of personal reading history, current or previous career work, and/or writing and publishing experience.

2. Please describe the attributes that, in your opinion, make a book worthy of an award in the category that you have listed as your first choice. (Related to this, if you were looking at a group of books of roughly equal merit, what qualities might nudge one book to the foreground?)

Please return to:

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We will acknowledge the receipt of all applications. Once the selection of judges has occurred, all applicants will receive a communication confirming whether or not they have received a judge assignment.