



28TH ANNUAL
MIDWEST BOOK AWARDS
Presented by the Midwest Independent Publishing Association

ENTRY DEADLINE:
December 30, 2017

JUDGES' APPLICATION

Thank you for considering being a judge for the Midwest Book Awards, which is sponsored by the Midwest Independent Publishing Association (MIPA). MIPA is a consortium of publishers, editors, authors, designers, and publicists in a twelve-state area. The awards program recognizes quality books published in the Midwest.

Judging Criteria

Each entry will be judged by three independent judges. If the entries in a category do not meet the standards for quality set by the Midwest Book Awards, no award will be given in that category for that year.

Judges will consider the following:

- Content and quality of writing and images
- Overall quality and creativity in book design and production
- Originality and contribution to the subject area

Midwest Book Awards considers titles in thirty categories. A single title may be entered in a maximum of three categories. Judges will be asked to judge at least three books and may be asked to evaluate more than one category.

As a judge, you will be able to state a preference for categories you are interested in. Books will be delivered to you in early January 2018. Note: In categories with a large number of entries (10 or more), judges will receive two shipments: some in November/December and the remainder in January. **All evaluations will be due March 31, 2018.**

Also you will have the option of scoring on paper score sheets or a Word document. Choose one below.

As a nonprofit, we are unable to compensate you for what you deserve, but you do win our undying love and gratitude as well as two tickets to the Book Awards Gala held in May 2018 in the Twin Cities. Plus, you keep the books you judge.

Judge Information

(Please print or type. We want the most up-to-date information for our files.)

Name:

Address:

City, State, ZIP:

Email:

Phone:

Categories: Note what categories you would prefer (see Awards Categories file):

Score sheets: What kind of score sheets would you prefer?

Qualifications: Please state why you would make a good judge (academic degrees, work experience, avid reader, expertise in a particular subject area, etc.).