

2026 OHIO BOOK AWARDS

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NOMINATION FORM

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DEADLINE: December 31, 2025

Established in 1942, the Ohio Book Awards recognize Ohio authors, illustrators, and editors for outstanding books published each year in the categories of Fiction, Nonfiction, Poetry, Middle Grade Literature, Young Adult Literature, Juvenile Literature, and Books about Ohio/ or an Ohioan (which may include books by non-Ohio authors, illustrators, and editors).

CRITERIA:

- Any book of general interest that has been written, illustrated, or edited by a person born in Ohio or who has lived in Ohio for at least three years, with the exception of a "Book Ohio about or an Ohioan," which may be authored or Illustrated by a non-Ohioan.
- Any book considered for an award must be received by the Ohioana Library during the calendar year prior to the year the award is given and must have a copyright date within the last two calendar years. A book is ordinarily considered only once for an award.
- Books MUST be traditionally published – self-published or subsidized titles are ineligible.
- Books in all categories shall be judged on the work's literary/artistic merit (50%), originality (30%), and audience appeal (20%).

NOMINEE GENERAL INFORMATION: (Use one copy of this form for each title nominated. Forms may be photocopied. Individuals may nominate as many titles as they wish.)

Title of book: _____

Publisher: _____ Copyright date: _____

Category: Fiction () Nonfiction () Juvenile () Middle Grade () Young Adult () Poetry ()
About Ohio or an Ohioan ()

Author's Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Day telephone: () _____ Fax: () _____

E-Mail: _____

Date & place of birth: _____

Place & length of residence in Ohio: _____

Please submit two copies of the book with this form. Materials will not be returned. Please note: If a book is selected as a finalist, publishers will be asked to provide additional copies for awards judges.

Nominated by: _____

Address: _____

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Telephone: () _____ Fax: () _____ E-mail: _____

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