



FOR EXCELLENCE IN WRITING FOR CHILDREN

NOMINATION FORM

The *Prairie State Award for Excellence in Writing for Children* recognizes an Illinois children's/young adult author whose body of work demonstrates excellence, engenders a love of literature, and embraces an important part of the mission of the Illinois Reading Council – to promote lifelong literacy.

CRITERIA

1. Nominees shall have resided in Illinois for a minimum of five years and be residing in the state at the time of nomination.
2. Nominees must have:
 - Authored a minimum of five books published for children/young adults (books currently out-of-print can be included).
 - Resided in Illinois for a minimum of five years and be residing in the State at the time of the nomination.
3. Nominees shall have exhibited an interest and willingness to become involved with young people through appearances in appropriate settings.
4. Nominee's body of work shall offer readers the opportunity to delight in, reflect upon, and/or make connections with their world.
5. Nominee's body of work has earned the respect of the children's literature community.

Nomination Letter and Reference Information Due January 15th.

Name of IL Children's/Young Adult Author Nominated:

Please list five of the author's published books for children/young adults:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

Enclose a letter supporting this author's candidacy for the award. The letter may include any information that you feel would be of interest to the Selection Committee. The letter should be double-spaced with one-inch margins all the way around and a type size point of twelve or greater. The letter may not exceed two pages. The Selection Committee will select the winner. The IRC general membership is encouraged to submit nominations by January 15th. Nominations for authors who do not meet the minimum criteria will not be considered.

The Selection Committee will not consider:

- Self-nominations.
- Ancillary materials such as published reviews and author brochures.
- Self-published books, or
- Nominations that are not complete, do not fully meet the established criteria, or are not received by the deadline.

All decisions made by the committee are final.

*Name of Nominator:	_____
Occupation:	_____
Address:	_____

Home Phone:	_____
Summer E-Mail Address:	_____
Date Nomination Form Mailed:	_____
<i>*Nominator must be 18 yrs. of age or older.</i>	

Complete Nomination Packets should be mailed to:

Illinois Reading Council
Attn: Prairie State Award Committee
203 Landmark Drive, Suite B
Normal, IL 61761
Phone: 309-454-1341
E-Mail: prairiestateaward@illinoisreadingcouncil.org

DEADLINE: All Nomination Packets must be postmarked by January 15th.