



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.
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 June 11, 2010.

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

Nominee's Address: _____

Nominee's **Home** Phone: _____

Nominee's **Work** Phone: _____

Nominee's **Summer** E-Mail: _____

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

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

5. _____

Please provide support letter and reference information including three locations where the author has shared his/her work with children/young adults. It is suggested that nominators contact authors directly to obtain the reference information requested below. **Need help contacting an author? Call the IRC Office at 1-888-454-1341 or by e-mail at irc@illinoisreadingcouncil.org!**

NOTE: It is critical that you supply references' home phone numbers! References are checked during the summer when school is not in session.

Location # 1: _____

Contact Person: _____

Contact Person's Position: _____

(i.e. librarian, teacher, principal, etc.)

Contact Person's Address: _____

Contact Person's **Home** Phone: _____

Contact Person's **Summer** E-Mail Address: _____

Location # 2: _____

Contact Person: _____

Contact Person's Position: _____

(i.e. librarian, teacher, principal, etc.)

Contact Person's Address: _____

Contact Person's **Home** Phone: _____

Contact Person's **Summer** E-Mail Address: _____

Location # 3: _____

Contact Person: _____

Contact Person's Position: _____

(i.e. librarian, teacher, principal, etc.)

Contact Person's Address: _____

Contact Person's **Home** Phone: _____

Contact Person's **Summer** E-Mail Address: _____

Please 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 not consider:

- ancillary materials such as published reviews, author brochures, and/or other information not requested as part of the nomination packet.
- incomplete nominations or nominations that do not fully meet the established criteria.
- self-nominations.

*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:

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Illinois Reading Council - Prairie State Award
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DEADLINE: All Nomination Packets must be postmarked by June 11, 2010.