



## 2011 Literary Awards Call for Submissions

PEN Center USA's Annual Literary Awards, established in 1982, are a unique, regional competition that recognizes literary excellence in ten categories: *fiction, creative nonfiction, research nonfiction, poetry, children's literature, translation, journalism, drama, teleplay, and screenplay*. Past award winners include:

**Woody Allen**  
**Rudolfo Anaya**  
**Paul Thomas Anderson**  
**Ray Bradbury**  
**T.C. Boyle**  
**Sandra Cisneros**  
**George Clooney**  
**Cameron Crowe**  
**Ariel & Will Durant**  
**Carrie Fisher**  
**Betty Friedan**  
**Matt Groening**  
**Vaclav Havel**

**Charlie Kaufman**  
**Barbara Kingsolver**  
**Maxine Hong Kingston**  
**Ursula K. Le Guin**  
**Dan Savage**  
**Neil Simon**  
**Oliver Stone**  
**Michael Tolkin**  
**Gus Van Sant**  
**Gore Vidal**  
**Alice Walker**  
**Billy Wilder**  
**Steven Zaillian**

PEN USA is accepting submissions of work produced or published in 2010 by writers living west of the Mississippi River. Entries in the ten categories are reviewed and judged by panels of distinguished writers, critics and editors. Winners are announced in late summer. Each receives a \$1,000 cash prize, a year of PEN USA membership, and will be PEN USA's guest at the Annual Literary Awards Festival in Los Angeles.

The Festival is held at the Beverly Hills Hotel and features a dinner, the awards ceremony, and a silent auction or raffle. This gala draws over 500 prominent writers, editors, publishers, actors, and directors.

# GUIDELINES & ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

## WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

Authors and translators whose primary residence is in the United States, **west of the Mississippi River, including all of Minnesota and Louisiana**. For works authored by two or more writers, the majority of the writers must reside west of the Mississippi River, including all of Minnesota and Louisiana. Works may be submitted by authors, their publishers, agents, or publicists.

## ELIGIBLE SUBMISSIONS

Books of outstanding literary merit **originally published in 2010** in the following categories:

- FICTION
- CREATIVE NONFICTION: Memoir, autobiography, personal essays, etc.
- RESEARCH NONFICTION: Biography, reportage, history, etc.
- POETRY
- CHILDREN'S & YOUNG ADULT LITERATURE: For all age groups.
- TRANSLATION

*Book category submissions **must be received by Dec. 31, 2010***

Non-book categories include works **originally published or produced in 2010:**

- DRAMA
- SCREENPLAY
- TELEPLAY
- LITERARY JOURNALISM

*Non-book category submissions **must be received by Jan. 31, 2011***

## WHAT TO SUBMIT

- Four (4) copies of the entry
- Completed entry form (Must include author's state of residence)
- \$35 entry fee for each submission
- Self-addressed stamped postcard for confirmation of receipt (Optional)

## ATTENTION

- Anthologies, publish-on-demand, and self-published books are not eligible.
- Entries will not be returned.
- We will **not** select a category on your behalf. You must select **only one**.

## THE SELECTION PROCESS

Entries will be read and evaluated by a distinguished panel of judges. The judges will select one winner and up to four finalists for each category. Winners will be announced in summer of 2011.

For more information, please visit our website  
www.penusa.org or email us at awards@penusa.org

## 2011 Literary Awards: Book Submission Form

Check **one** category:

Book category **deadline Dec. 31, 2010**

- Fiction
- Creative Nonfiction
- Research Nonfiction
- Poetry
- Children's & Young Adult Literature
- Translation

Non-book **deadline Jan. 31, 2011**

- Drama
- Screenplay
- Teleplay
- Literary Journalism

TITLE OF SUBMISSION \_\_\_\_\_

AUTHOR(S)/TRANSLATOR(S) \_\_\_\_\_

AUTHOR'S ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE (    ) \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_

PUBLISHER/PRODUCTION COMPANY \_\_\_\_\_

CONTACT PERSON \_\_\_\_\_ POSITION \_\_\_\_\_

PUBLISHER/PRODUCTION COMPANY ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE (    ) \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_

Return this form with four (4) copies of each title you are submitting and a check of \$35 for each entry:

**PEN Center USA**  
**269 South Beverly Drive, #1163**  
**Beverly Hills, CA 90212**

If you'd rather pay by credit card, please fill out the entry form below:

NAME ON CARD \_\_\_\_\_

Type       VISA     MASTERCARD     AMERICAN EXPRESS

CARD NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_ EXPIRATION DATE \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL \$35 entry fee x \_\_\_\_\_ (number of titles submitted) = \$ \_\_\_\_\_