

Eligibility and Selection Criteria

1. The entry shall be the author's/authors' first or second book (grades pre-K to 12).
2. The book will be submitted during the year of first copyright (2018) in English. Thus, a book will be considered but one time.
3. This award is intended for newly published authors who show unusual promise in the children's and young adults' book field. When a book by a newly published author is competing against a book by an acclaimed adult author or a juvenile author who has previously won a major award, preference will be given to the newly published author.
4. Both fiction and nonfiction books are eligible; each will be rated according to characteristics that are specifically appropriate to the genre.
5. The awarded book should serve as a reading and literary standard by which readers can measure other books.
6. If appropriate to the genre, the awarded book should provide believable and intriguing characters growing naturally out of the events and actions in the text. Nonfiction books should exhibit excellence in the areas of authority and accuracy, organization, design, and writing style.
7. The awarded book should be truthful and authentic in its presentation of information and attitudes as they exist(ed) at the time and place which the story reflects.
8. The characters and events in the book should meet the experience and possible expectations of the intended audience.
9. The awarded book will be nonracist and nonsexist, as far as the selection committee can determine.
10. The awarded book should encourage young readers to read by providing them with something they will delight in and/or profit from by reading.
11. If the award-winning picture book (younger reader category) is the first or second book of the illustrator, then the author and illustrator share the award. In all other cases, the author will receive the full award.
12. A book may be entered into the award competition by either its publisher or author. One copy of each book submitted must be sent to each of the designated ILA Children's and Young Adults' Book Award Subcommittee Member by **March 15, 2019**.
13. If the committee recommends finalists, their names will be submitted to *Literacy Today* and *Literacy Daily* for listing as space becomes available.

See below for submission instructions.

Submission Timeline

- Late October 2018: Submissions open
- **March 15, 2019**: Submission deadline (must be submitted electronically)
- May–June 2019: Applicants notified of the results via email.

How to Apply

Complete your submission online using ScholarOne (a web-based grant management system; previously Manuscript Central) at https://mc04.manuscriptcentral.com/ILA_awards-grants.

Submission directions:

1. Create an account in the ScholarOne submission site (if you have not already done so) at https://mc04.manuscriptcentral.com/ila_awards-grants (this will automatically set you up as an “author” for all submissions). Be sure to fill in your publisher information in the Affiliation portion of your profile.

- First and last name
- Mailing address
- Phone number and email address
- Affiliation

If you are a **returning user**, please view or edit your profile to make sure it is current.

2. Go to the Author Center and select “Begin Submission” and select “Children’s and Young Adults’ Book Award”
3. Enter the book title and select “Individual” for the Application Type (this is informational and will not affect the application) Save & Continue
4. Upload the book cover and synopsis from the back cover and select “CYA Book Award – Hi-Res Front and Back Book Cover” as the file designation. Save & Continue
5. **Level of Learners:** Select “Primary”, “Intermediate”, or “Young Adult”. Save & Continue
6. **Applicant/Nominator Information:** The submitter will automatically be listed as the first applicant. **If you are not the book author, enter the book author/s email address in the Add Co-Applicant section. If the author is not in the system, you will select the linked text “create a new co-author”.** The author will then be notified that their book has been nominated and an account has been created.
7. Select the “Nominator” radio button and enter NA in the membership and expiration fields. Save & Continue
8. No cover letter is required
9. Select the how you heard about the award
10. Review and Submit
11. Once the submission is submitted, the respective shipping list will be sent in a separate email