

2010 Darrell Awards Nomination Form

The Darrell Awards are presented by the Darrell Awards Jury with generous support from MidSouthCon and its parent body, Mid-South Science & Fiction Conventions, Inc. (MSFCI), to promote literacy in the Mid-South by recognizing the best published local science fiction, fantasy, and horror.

Please see the Qualifications Sheet for rules about what is eligible and the Darrell Awards area.

Please fill in as much of the following as you can. Leave blank anything you do not know.

Author's Name: _____

Author's Contact Info: _____

Title of Work Nominated: _____

Novel: _____ Novella: _____ Short Story: _____ Other Media: _____

Hall of Fame: _____

Publisher: _____ Name of person nominating the work: _____

Reason YOU believe this work is eligible for the Darrell Award:

Does the author live within the Darrell Awards area? _____ Yes _____ No

If not, is there at least one significant scene within the work that is set within the Darrell Awards area?
_____ Yes _____ No

If yes, what page is that scene (or scenes) on? _____

If the author does not live within the area and the work does not have at least one significant scene set within the area, the work is not eligible.

Thank you for nominating!

Please return this form to: Darrell Awards Jury, c/o Barb Gatewood, 3125 South Mendenhall Road, # 353, Memphis TN 38115, or email it to darrell@darrellawards.org.

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2010 Darrell Awards Qualifications Sheet

1) Based on the published guidelines for the Nebula Awards, the Hugo Awards & others, we have set the word counts for our categories as follows:

Novel – 40,000 words or more

Novella – 7,500 words to 39,999 words

Short Story – 1,500 words to 7,500 words

Please note: we have a minimum word count for a story to be considered for the Darrell Awards. We give no more than one Darrell Award per category.

2) In order to qualify, the work must be science fiction or fantasy prose, with horror included as a type of fantasy. Alternate history is included as either fantasy or science fiction, depending on story elements. Movies and comics are included in the Other Media category. Poetry, religious fiction, general fiction, and non-fiction are not currently eligible.

3) In order to qualify, the work must either be written by an author who is living in the greater Memphis area (as defined below) when the work is published OR have at least one significant scene set within that area. Broadly defined, the area is west Tennessee, north Mississippi and northeast Arkansas. Specifically, the counties involved are:

State of Arkansas: Arkansas County, Chicot County, Clay County, Craighead County, Crittenden County, Cross County, Desha County, Greene County, Independence County, Jackson County, Lawrence County, Lee County, Mississippi County, Monroe County, Phillips County, Poinsett County, Prairie County, Saint Francis County, White County, and Woodruff County;

State of Mississippi: Alcorn County, Benton County, Bolivar County, Calhoun County, Coahoma County, DeSoto County, Itawamba County, Lafayette County, Lee County, Marshall County, Panola County, Pontotoc County, Prentiss County, Quitman County, Sunflower County, Tallahatchie County, Tate County, Tippah County, Tishomingo County, Tunica County, Union County, and Yalobusha County;

State of Tennessee: Chester County, Crockett County, Dyer County, Fayette County, Haywood County, Hardeman County, Lake County, Lauderdale County, Madison County, McNairy County, Obion County, Shelby County, Tipton County, and Weakley County.

4) We have adopted a policy on dealing with authors whose works were nominated and who later commit bad acts. In brief, we will not provide any further publicity for such authors, they will be deemed ineligible for any future consideration, and they will not be included in any anthology or other materials which we may produce or license or otherwise authorize. What constitutes a bad act sufficient to fall within this policy will be determined on a case-by-case basis by the Jury and/or MSSFFA.

5) Anyone may nominate a qualified work for consideration. This includes the author, publisher, or friend. We do not release lists of works that have been merely nominated, as being nominated is just the first step in the judging process.

6) For the Darrell Awards in the Novel, Novella, Short Story and Other Media categories, the work should have been published (or, in the case of a movie or play, shown or performed) during the preceding “year.” We currently define the year as November 1 through October 31, with the deadline for nominations as January 1. So, for the 2010 Darrell Awards, the work should have been published between November 1, 2008 and October 31, 2009, with the nomination deadline of January 1, 2010. Works published after the cut-off can be considered next time.

7) The Dal Coger Memorial Hall of Fame Award was established to consider authors who have a body of work (that is otherwise eligible for the Darrell Awards) that was not nominated during its year of eligibility and/or that is too extensive to be properly considered in one category in one year. An author may be nominated more than once for the Hall of Fame Award, but may only win it one time in his or her life.