

Is there a fee to enter the Spur Awards?

No, it is free to enter but all entries MUST have the correct completed entry forms included when submitted.

Do I have to be a Western Writers of America member to enter?

All published authors are welcome to enter! You do not have to be a WWA member to submit an entry and membership has no bearing on the judging outcome. We do encourage everyone to join and enjoy the benefits of the WWA.

Who do I send my entry to?

You will need to send ONE copy of your entry, along with a completed entry form to the Spur Awards Chair and one copy to EACH of the 3 Spur Judges in the category you are entering. TOTAL: 4 copies of your entry & 4 completed entry forms (See Spur Judges - Category list & addresses on Spur Rules page)

How do I choose a category to enter?

A list of requirements for each Spur Category is listed on the Rules Pages. The category that best describes and matches your entry is the one we recommend submitting it in. Contemporary as well as Traditional Western works are encouraged to enter. (Please NOTE that "memoirs" are NOT considered Biography, but should be entered in the nonfiction categories depending on time period for the memoir)

Can I submit in more than one category?

You can enter individual works in only ONE category.

How many entries can I submit in each category?

You may enter up to five individual entries per category. Each submission MUST be entered as a separate entry. Revised editions may NOT be entered.

Can I send an E-mail copy of my book to enter?

No e-mailed copies will be accepted. Written copies of all books/lyrics/screenplays, etc. MUST be submitted (this should be a published book, in final produced version – NO ARCS. In the event it is an audio book or eBook, you will need to send a copy of manuscript.

Are eBooks and Audio Books eligible?

Yes, eBooks and Audio Books can be entered but must be submitted with a copy of the manuscript, along with the completed entry forms.

Can newly revised editions be entered?

NO revised editions are eligible to be entered.

What “copyright date” is eligible to enter?

The “copyright date” that we use to judge the eligibility of each entry is the FIRST COPYRIGHTED year of the entry, which matches the date printed in or on the submitted book/submission. All eligible material for the Spur Awards MUST be FIRST COPYRIGHTED (or aired for public viewing) for the year listed in the current Spur Rules. (Some categories may require an additional industry acceptable format DVD/Flash Drive/ YouTube or viewable link)

When can I enter the Spur Awards?

Entries will be accepted from August thru the first week of January. Entries should be submitted at the earliest possible date. Absolutely NO entries received after the deadline date will be judged. Entry forms must accompany all entries.

Will I receive an acknowledgment my entry was received?

No works submitted will have their delivery acknowledged. (If you include a note to the Spur Chair when entering, requesting an email acknowledgement, all efforts will be made to answer, but we cannot guarantee such acknowledgment)

Should I enter myself or wait for my publisher?

All published authors are welcome to enter their own work and we recommend you do it, as sometimes publishers do not follow through or wait until the last minute to send in entries. Better to enter a submission twice than not at all. If you expect your publisher to enter your work, make sure you contact them in advance of the deadline to be certain that it actually has been entered.

Can I recommend an entry?

If you know of an author/song writer, etc., please do let them or their publisher/producer know about the WWA Spur Awards and encourage them to enter.

Can self-published books be entered?

Self-published books can be entered as long as they meet all the requirements listed on the Category and Rules pages.

What if this is my FIRST Novel or Nonfiction book?

If this is your first Novel or Nonfiction book and you have entered it in one of the Spur categories, your entry may also be recognized as the Best First Novel or Best First Nonfiction Book. All you need do is check the BOX on the entry form, and submit an additional copy of your entry to the Spur Chair (two copies total to Chair). WWA awards one Spur for the top chosen First Novel and First Nonfiction Book. (Please note that this is NOT a category)

Will my entry be returned when the contest is over?

No works submitted will be returned.

When will the Spur Award winners & finalists be announced?

The Spur Awards winners & finalists will be officially announced by WWA in March.

Awards will be presented during the annual WWA Convention in June.

Everyone is encouraged to attend our Conventions, where exciting panels, tours & events are open to all (see convention schedule for current site and dates)

How are Spur Winners & Finalists notified?

All Winners and finalists will receive an email notice before the official March WWA announcement, followed by a written letter from the Spur Awards Chair. Only the names/addresses listed on the entry form will be contacted.

What does a Spur Award Winner receive?

Winners will be invited to the Spur Awards Banquet during the annual WWA Convention in June, where they will be presented their hand-made Spur Award plaque during the ceremonies. Winners will also receive ONE complimentary ticket to the banquet for the author only (Storyteller category: author & illustrator will receive a ticket)

What does a Spur Award Finalist receive?

A Finalist is "runner-up" and judged as one of the top entries in their category. Each finalist will be invited to the June, WWA Convention Spur Finalist Luncheon, where they will receive their Finalist Certificate. Finalists will also receive ONE complimentary ticket to the luncheon for the author only (Storyteller category: author & illustrator will receive a ticket)

Who do I contact if I have questions about the Spur Awards?

All rules, categories and the entry form can be found in Western Writers of America's Roundup Magazine (August Issue), as well as the WWA Webpage beginning in August.

www.westernwriters.org

Direct inquiry can be sent to the Spur Awards Chair: www.quackgrasssally@gmail.com