

# 2012 Aurora Award Nomination Form

The Aurora awards are run by the Canadian Science Fiction and Fantasy Association (CSFFA), a federally registered non-profit society. The awards recognize the best Canadian professional and amateur (fan) achievements for the calendar year of 2011 (January 1<sup>st</sup> to December 31<sup>st</sup>).

We encourage all Canadians to participate in these national awards. Nominating is the first of two steps. Once all nominations have been tabulated you will then be able to vote on the five finalists. You are reading the mail-in nomination form. That is one way to participate, but we encourage you to use our on-line process. It is less prone to error and is very simple. These are the steps to nominating on-line:

If you are not registered with CSFFA, you must do the first two steps otherwise go to Step 3.

- 1) Register with the society to receive your lifetime pin number to be used for nominating and voting by visiting: <http://www.prixaurorawards.ca/Membership>.
- 2) Click the link in the email we'll send you to verify your email and you are ready to nominate.

**Special Note:** As of the 2011 AGM, CSFFA and the Aurora Awards requires everyone to purchase a society membership to nominate, vote or participate in the AGM. The annual dues are just \$10 (on-line or mail-in) and are valid from January to December of the calendar year no matter when in the year they are purchased. CSFFA members are those who have already paid for the current year.

If you are not a current member (paid your annual dues) you must follow the next two steps, otherwise go to Step 6

- 3) Click on the PayPal link on your membership page once you have logged on
- 4) The PayPal page allows you to either pay your membership dues from your PayPal account or directly from your credit card.
- 5) Once you have paid your dues you will be returned to your membership screen. If your purchase was successful you will see the link to the nomination form. If you do not see this link, please contact us via the email link to the awards administrator.

The following steps are for current members of CSFFA to nominate for professional works and fan achievements done in the year 2011. To continue you must have already logged into your account using your pin number.

- 6) Nominate your candidates prior to the nomination deadline of March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2012.
- 7) You are allowed to nominate up to three candidates in each category.
- 8) You may nominate in one or more of the categories.
- 9) Nominators are encouraged to fill in full details of their nominations. Detailed instructions of what is required are listed with each nomination category.
- 10) Voting will begin on April 16<sup>th</sup>, 2012. The voting deadline will be July 23, 2012. Full details will be published on our website and on the voting ballot.

If you still prefer to use a paper form, you can mail your completed form to: Aurora Awards 2012 c/o Sentry Box, 1835 10<sup>th</sup> Ave. SW, Calgary, Alberta, T3C 0K2.

Mail-in Nomination forms must be received by Noon, March 31st, 2012.

The 2012 Aurora Awards will be presented at When Words Collide (<http://www.whenwordscollide.org/>) August 10-12, 2012, at the Best Western Village Park Inn, 1804 Crowchild Trail N.W., Calgary, Alberta.

The following rules cover both nominating and voting for an Aurora award. **Submitting a nomination or vote will be taken as your acknowledgment that you have read and agree to abide by these rules.**

Members must adhere to the following rules. In the event that the Awards committee feels that one or more of these rules has been violated by a participant, they may reject any or all nominations or votes from or for that participant without notification. The decision of the Awards committee is final.

- 1) The Auroras are only for Canadian citizens or permanent residents. Canadian citizens living abroad are eligible.
- 2) There are annual dues to be a member of CSFFA which will be set by the CSFFA between Conventions. This fee is used to administer the awards. All society members are required to pay this fee.
- 3) Current members, those that have paid their annual dues, are permitted to submit one nomination form and one voting ballot per year.
- 4) Nomination and voting deadlines will be set by the CSFFA between Conventions
- 5) Mail-in forms must be received by the corresponding nomination or voting deadline.
- 6) Blank nomination forms or voting ballots may be photocopied but completed ones may not. Each member is expected to fill in their own form or ballot, reflecting their individual preferences.
- 7) Each form delivered by mail must be in a separate envelope, except for members of a single household who may send in their forms together. Clubs are requested to not mail their members' forms in bulk.
- 8) The ballots are counted using the "Alternate Ballot System". See detail explanation in "Voting Method" document.
- 9) No one may offer or accept an inducement in order to influence a nomination or vote.

Through the Aurora awards, the CSFFA encourages Canadian fans to take an active role in selecting the best of genre fiction and related activities. It is our hope that Canadians will hold spirited discussions, but we discourage anyone from advising others on how to place their votes. In the spirit of fan based awards, it is the right and responsibility of every member to make their own decisions. Members are expected to be familiar with the works they are selecting. Members are asked to vote in categories where they are familiar with more than one of the nominees. Clubs should avoid influencing their members' nominations or votes.

To support the ongoing costs of the awards and the society, a non-refundable fee is associated with being a current member of CSFFA. This fee will be revisited after each Convention and will be clearly identified on nomination forms and voting ballots, both online and paper. Fees must be paid by individual voters, not a third party. Members are reminded that processing of paper ballots can be time consuming and has the potential for misinterpretation. The awards committee will make every effort to honour the spirit of a voter's intentions, but has little flexibility if the member fails to make their intention clear.

Please visit <http://www.prixaurorawards.ca/Membership/> to submit your nominations online, or print them in legible script in the space provided below and mail the completed form to the address provided above.

You may submit up to 3 nominees in each category. All submissions will be given equal weight.

Please note that the French professional categories are now being coordinated and held at the Congrès Boréal which is held in Quebec. For full details visit their website. (<http://www.congresboreal.ca/>)

**Note:** Online registration/nomination forms are available on our website: [www.prixaurorawards.ca/wordpress/](http://www.prixaurorawards.ca/wordpress/).

Have you already registered with the society? **Yes No** (please circle one)

If you are a registered CSFFA member you only are required to provide the name you registered by and your account's email address. If you are unsure or have not registered please fill in all fields so we can verify it or register you. You do not have to re-register with the society each year, as your information is carried over from year to year. All personal information is kept confidential and will not be sold or given out to any other group or company. It is used solely for the purposed of the society.

An email is not required though it permits us to create a personal CSFFA account for you and it allows us to send you a confirmation of your nomination. If you do not have a personal email you may use a family member's account if they permit it. Otherwise, please include a phone number so we can confirm your nomination.

If you have not already paid your annual dues they must be included with your nomination. We can only accept cheques or money orders through the mail. Do not mail cash. The annual dues are \$10 for each member. These dues are good for the current calendar year and no further payment are required if you wish to either submit a voting ballot or vote at the annual general meeting this year.

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**All mail-in nomination forms must be received no later than Noon, March 31<sup>st</sup> 2012.**

**Please print legibly. If we are unable to read what you have written your form will be voided.**

Registration Name

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(please print)

Address (street address, city, province and postal code)

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E-Mail : (required) \_\_\_\_\_

Signature

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**I am a Citizen of Canada or a Permanent Resident. Check the box if this is true.**

**Please check the box on the right if do not want us send you society news and awards notices**

**I have read and accepted the rules shown above. Check the box if this is true.**

(All nominators must show that they understand and accept the society's nomination/voting rules)

**All categories, unless specified, are open to both English and French speaking nominees.**

The first five categories are for professionals. The definition of what a professional is can be found on our website at: [www.prixaurorawards.ca/wordpress/?page\\_id=312](http://www.prixaurorawards.ca/wordpress/?page_id=312)

The following five categories are for professional works in English.

**BEST NOVEL - ENGLISH**

(Best Science Fiction or Fantasy novel in English, over 40,000 words, by a Canadian, published in 2011.)

**You are required to fill in the author's name(s) (last name, first name), title, and the publisher**

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**BEST SHORT FICTION - ENGLISH**

(Best Science Fiction or Fantasy short fiction in English less than 40,000 words, by a Canadian, published in 2011)

**You are required to fill in the author's name(s) (last name, first name), title, and where it was published (i.e. magazine, book etc.)**

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**BEST GRAPHIC NOVEL - ENGLISH**

(Best Science Fiction or Fantasy graphic novel, single issue of a serial or an on-line comic in English, by a Canadian, published in 2011)

**You are required to fill in the author's name(s) (last name, first name), title, and where it was published.**

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**BEST POETRY/SONG - ENGLISH**

(Best Science Fiction or Fantasy poem or song in English by a Canadian, published or performed in 2011)

**You are required to fill in the author's name(s) (last name, first name), title, and where it was published or performed.**

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**BEST RELATED WORK - ENGLISH**

(Best Science Fiction or Fantasy work not encompassed by the previous four categories such as magazine, literary criticism, book review, critical editions, anthology, or a single-author collection released as a book in English, by a Canadian, published in 2011)

**You are required to fill in the editor or author's name(s) (last name, first name), title, and where or by whom it was published.**

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- 2. \_\_\_\_\_  
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- 3. \_\_\_\_\_  
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**BEST ARTIST**

(Best Science Fiction or Fantasy artwork or body of artwork by a Canadian, displayed or published in 2011.) This category is for both professional and amateur artists, and for both English and French artists.

**You are required to fill in the artist's name(s) (last name, first name), an example of work done in 2011, and where it was either published or presented.**

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The following categories are for non-professional or fan work. Nominees are nominated for unpaid work.

**BEST FAN PUBLICATION**

(Best fanzine or fan newsletter or publication either in print or by electronic means, whose content significantly relates to science fiction and fantasy, published by a Canadian at least once during 2011.)

**You are required to fill in the nominees' name(s) (last name, first name) and the name of the publication. If the work was done online please give us the website.**

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- 2. \_\_\_\_\_  
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- 3. \_\_\_\_\_  
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**BEST FAN ORGANIZATIONAL**

(Best contributions to Canadian Science Fiction or Fantasy convention or club activities by a Canadian during 2011.)

**You are required to fill in the nominee's name(s) (last name, first name), the club or convention and the work they excelled in.**

1. \_\_\_\_\_  
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**BEST FAN FILK**

(Best fan activity by a Canadian filker in areas such as album, song-writing, performance or sound engineering during 2011. Filk is fan music based on science fiction or fantasy.)

**You are required to fill in the nominee's name(s) (last name, first name), the activity that they excelled in and where or how it was done.**

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**BEST FAN OTHER**

(Best fan activity in the area of Science Fiction or Fantasy not encompassed by the previous three categories in areas such as: presentations, performances, APAS or fan-writing by a Canadian in 2011)

**You are required to fill in the nominee's name(s) (last name, first name), the activity that they excelled in and where or how it was done.**

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