

2014 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 2013 (January 1st to December 31st). This year's Aurora awards will be presented at V-Con in Vancouver, BC during the weekend of Oct 3-5 (www.v-con.org)

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. What you are reading is our mail-in form but you can do this through our website, <http://www.prixaurorawards.ca/Membership>.

If you registered with CSFFA in the past your account is still valid and you do not need to register again. If you are using this form then you have to fill in your name and email address. If not, please fill in all fields.

Special Note: As of Fall 2012 the CSFFA board decided that Professionals may be nominated for the professional awards (for activities relevant to the award) for unpaid work once they are deemed a professional in the applicable category. Professionals also may be nominated for fan awards if their activity relevant to the award is unpaid, unrelated to their paid work whether in the genre or not, and fannish in nature.

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) To nominate or vote you must be a member of CSFFA. The annual dues are \$10 and are good for the calendar year. They are non-refundable. All memberships expire on December 31st. This fee is used to administer and promote the awards. Fees must be paid by individual members and not a third party.
- 3) CSFFA members are permitted to submit one nomination form and one voting ballot per year.
- 4) Mail-in nominations must be received prior to the deadline of Noon, April 12th, 2014.
- 5) 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.
- 6) 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.
- 7) The ballots are counted using the "Alternate Ballot System". See detail explanation in "Voting Method" document at <http://www.prixaurorawards.ca/aurora-awards/voting/voting-method/>
- 8) No one may offer or accept an inducement in order to influence a nomination or vote.
- 9) You are allowed to nominate up to three candidates in each category. All submissions are given equal weight.
- 10) You may nominate in one or more of the categories.
- 11) Nominators are encouraged to fill in full details of their nominations. Detailed instructions of what is required are listed with each nomination category.

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.

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.

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

If you are a registered CSFFA member you are only 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 purposes 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 email 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 2013 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. Please make cheques and money orders out to: "Canadian Science Fiction and Fantasy Association"

Mail-in forms are to be sent to: Aurora Awards 2014 c/o Sentry Box, 1835 10th Ave. SW, Calgary, Alberta, T3C 0K2.
All mail-in nomination forms must be received no later than noon on April 12th 2014.

Make cheques and money orders out to:
"Canadian Science Fiction and Fantasy Association"

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

Registration Name

(please print)

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

Phone Number: _____

E-Mail : (required) _____

Signature

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 you do not want us to send you non-society/award 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)

The following seven (7) categories are for professionals and their works. Other than Best Artist these categories are for works in English only. Professionals may be nominated for the professional awards for activities relevant to the award for unpaid work once they are deemed a professional in the applicable category. The definition of what a professional is can be found on our website at:

<http://www.prixaurorawards.ca/aurora-awards/awards-rule/definitions/>

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/>)

BEST NOVEL - ENGLISH

(Best Science Fiction or Fantasy novel in English, over 40,000 words, by a Canadian, published in 2013.)

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

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2. _____

3. _____

BEST YOUNG ADULT NOVEL - ENGLISH

(Best Science Fiction or Fantasy novel in English, over 30,000 words written for Young Adults by a Canadian, published in 2013. To be eligible works must be published as a stand-alone book. An author may request that their novel be judged in the adult category by contacting the awards administrator.)

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 2013)

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 2013)

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

- 1. _____

- 2. _____

- 3. _____

BEST POEM/SONG - ENGLISH

(Best Science Fiction or Fantasy poem or song in English by a Canadian, published or performed in 2013)

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

- 1. _____

- 2. _____

- 3. _____

BEST RELATED WORK - ENGLISH

(Best Science Fiction or Fantasy work not encompassed by the previous four categories such as magazine, literary criticism, book review, CD, critical editions, anthology, or a single-author collection released as a book in English, by a Canadian, published in 2013)

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 or produced.

- 1. _____

- 2. _____

- 3. _____

BEST ARTIST

(Best Science Fiction or Fantasy artwork or body of artwork by a Canadian, displayed or published in 2013 by a professional artist.) Both French and English artists are eligible.

You are required to fill in the artist's name(s) (last name, first name), an example of work done in 2013, and where it was either published or presented.

- 1. _____

- 2. _____

- 3. _____

The following categories are for non-professional or fan work. Nominees are eligible for unpaid works. Both French and English fans may be nominated. Professionals may be nominated for fan awards if their activity relevant to the award is unpaid, unrelated to their paid work whether in the genre or not, and fannish in nature.

BEST FAN PUBLICATION

(Best fanzine or fan newsletter, blog 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 2013.)

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. Please note a blog may not be connected to a professional site or author.

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BEST FAN ORGANIZATIONAL

(Best contributions to Canadian Science Fiction or Fantasy clubs, conventions or other organized activities by a Canadian during 2013.)

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

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BEST FAN MUSIC

Best musical activities by a Canadian fan based on science fiction or fantasy in areas such as album, song-writing, video, performance or sound engineering during 2013. Fan music includes; Wizard, Timelord and Goblin Rock; music of the SCA; Tolkien music and other specialty types as they emerge.

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 RELATED WORK

(Best fan activity in the area of Science Fiction or Fantasy not encompassed by the previous three categories in areas such as: Presentations, Performances, Art, APAs, Podcasts or Fan-Writing by a Canadian in 2013)

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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Online registration/nomination forms are available through our website at:

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