



2021 Independent Audiobook Award Submission Guidelines

The Independent Audiobook Awards was established to honor indie authors and narrators and small publishers. In an effort to remain true to our purpose we have established a few guidelines. Please read these thoroughly before submitting your title.

1. To qualify for submission the title must fit one of the following criteria:
 - a. The title must have been produced independently of a publisher (i.e. you are an independent author or narrator who went directly through a distributor)
 - b. The title was produced by a publisher who has been pre-approved as eligible by the IAA (a list of approved publishers is available on the website)
2. Submissions will be open from 12:00 pm (CST), Wednesday 10/21/2020 until Midnight (CST), Friday 1/15/2021.
3. A fee of \$50 is required with each submission.
4. Titles must have a 2020 release date.
5. Titles must be available through a major audiobook platform, such as Audible, Downpour, Hooplah, or OverDrive.
6. Titles can be submitted by author, narrator, or publisher. *(Please communicate to the other parties involved in the production of your title to avoid duplicate entries.)*
7. Each title may only be submitted in one category.
8. Each author, narrator, or publisher may submit:
 - a. No more than 5 titles per category
 - b. No more than 25 titles total
9. Submissions must include a sample of 5-20 minutes.
10. Finalists will be announced on 3/01/2021 through the email that was provided during submission. **This is important. Please make sure you check your spam folders as well.** Finalists will be asked to provide a hi-res jpeg of the audiobook cover and to fill out and return a form to the IAA by mid-April. *(Details will be provided in the email.)*
11. The IAA is dedicated to preventing any conflict of interest throughout the judging process. Because our coordinators are all part of the audiobook industry, we have agreed upon certain rules concerning our own involvement. A statement of those rules can be found on the About page of our website.

Good luck, and thank you for making the Independent Audiobook Awards the PREMIER celebration of independent audiobooks everywhere!