



**This Entry Form must be completed
and mailed with eligible entries.**

2024 Entry Form

Title of Work:

Published Book

Galley

Date of Publication:

Author's Name:

Address:

City, State, Zip:

Phone:

Email:

Other Works By Author:

Publisher:

Contact:

Publisher's Phone:

Publisher's Email:

Publisher's Address:

How did you hear about the award?

IMPORTANT: Please note the changes to the submission criteria and to the timeline of when entries will be accepted.

CRITERIA FOR SUBMISSION (2024 AWARD):

- Any full-length work of fiction (novel or collection of short stories)
- Published Jan. 1, 2024 through Dec. 31, 2024
- Galley for a 2024 publication are also accepted
- The writer must be an African-American U.S. citizen
- Self-published books will not be accepted
- Emailed entries will not be accepted

To enter a published book or galley for review, send the completed REGISTRATION FORM and **8 copies** to:
The Ernest J. Gaines Award for Literary Excellence
c/o The Baton Rouge Area Foundation
100 North Street, Suite 900
Baton Rouge, LA 70802

Entries accepted: May 1, 2024 – December 31, 2024

The award, initiated by donors of the Baton Rouge Area Foundation to honor Mr. Gaines, is designed to inspire and recognize rising African-American writers of excellence as they work to achieve the literary heights for which Ernest J. Gaines is known.

***MUST BE RECEIVED BY DECEMBER 31, 2024**

- *The judges reserve the right not to issue an award if they feel the selection pool lacks an acceptable candidate.
- *The winning author must attend the award ceremony and participate in educational outreach during their visit.
- *For additional information, please email gainesaward@braf.org.