

# New Voices in Children's Literature

## 10<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL TASSY WALDEN AWARDS

### CALL FOR ENTRY

The Shoreline Arts Alliance, a premier source of cultural events and competitions for people of all ages, presents **New Voices in Children's Literature: 10<sup>TH</sup> Annual Tassy Walden Awards**. This competition encourages and nurtures the creation and publication of exceptional quality books for children by unpublished Connecticut writers and illustrators. An award of \$250 is presented to the winner in each of five categories: Picture Book (text only), Illustrated Picture Book, Illustrator's Portfolio, Middle Grade Novel and Young Adult/Teen Novel.



All submissions to the **New Voices in Children's Literature** competition must adhere to *Call for Entry* requirements and are evaluated pursuant to children's book publishing standards and guidelines in a two-tier process. Nationally recognized literary agents make an initial selection of submission finalists in each award category after which acclaimed editors determine awardees and, if applicable, honorable mention recognition. Awards and honorable mention recognition are determined at the discretion of these publishing industry experts. All applicants will be notified of the judges' decisions in early May.

On May 19, 2010 the Shoreline Arts Alliance will celebrate the 10<sup>TH</sup> anniversary of **New Voices in Children's Literature: Tassy Walden Awards** at 7PM at the Blackstone Library, 758 Main Street, Branford, CT. All finalists will be honored and awards presented in each category.

### Submission Deadline Feb. 5, 2010

All entries must be postmarked by February 5, 2010.

This *Call for Entry* must be completed in full and included with each submission. For multiple submissions, photocopy *Call for Entry* as needed. NO electronic submissions accepted. Applicants may make up to two submissions per category. Visit [www.shorelinearts.org](http://www.shorelinearts.org) for expanded submission instructions. Incomplete submissions will not be accepted. ALL CHECKLIST CRITERIA ARE MANDATORY.

Name:  
(No pseudonyms)

Address:

Phone:

Email (preferred for notification):

#### CHECKLIST:

- I reside in CT (*primary residence*).
- I am not published or under contract in the category of submission. (*Self-published books are not eligible. Work that has been bound and offered for sale anywhere is not eligible.*)
- I am 16 or older.
- My submission includes \$15 for each entry payable to Shoreline Arts Alliance.
- A self-addressed stamped postcard is enclosed for confirmation of submission (*optional*).

**Questions:**  
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Shoreline Arts Alliance/Tassy  
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Guilford, CT 06437

#### WRITER checklist:

- My submission is typed on 8.5"x11" white paper, double-spaced with ample margins, 12-point, single-sided, paginated with name and title on each page.
- Title page\*\* includes the category of submission typed above my name, address, and phone number at top left along with title of book and first paragraph. (*Shoreline Arts Alliance reserves the right to move a submission to another category.*)

#### Check one box:

- Picture Book Text** – Complete manuscript submitted, maximum 1500 words, with no page break for artwork.
- Middle Grade Novel** – First 25 pages, maximum. Must also submit full synopsis of novel, or outline of every chapter. (*Completed work must be available upon request.*)
- Young Adult/Teen Novel** – First 25 pages, maximum. Must also submit full synopsis of novel, or outline of every chapter. (*Completed work must be available upon request.*)

#### ILLUSTRATOR checklist:

- My cover page includes my name, address and phone number and the label: *Illustrator Portfolio*.
- I have included only ten pieces of UNBOUND\* photocopied art, no originals, maximum size 8.5" x 11".
- Submission includes at least three pieces showing story progression with the same character(s).
- I have included copies of at least two finished pieces.

#### WRITER-ILLUSTRATOR checklist:

- I am both the writer and the illustrator. (*Required*)
- I am not published as a children's book writer or as a children's book illustrator.
- I have included copies of at least two finished pieces.
- I have included a taped, handmade book dummy\*\* of no more than 40 pages, maximum size 8.5"x11".
- Separate text manuscript is enclosed and conforms to "Writer's Checklist" at left.
- I have not submitted any original art.

\* Loose pages ONLY. No binders, bindings, clips, rings, folders or plastic sleeves.

\*\* Visit [www.shorelinearts.org](http://www.shorelinearts.org) for book dummy guidelines and sample title page. (*Submissions will not be returned or held at SAA for pick up.*)