

# 2026 ILLUMINATION AWARDS ENTRY FORM

## TITLE INFORMATION

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Title

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Author

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Publisher Name (as you'd like it to appear in results listing and publicity)

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Category(s) Entered

*(You may list multiple categories, but don't forget to pay the fee and send one book for each category)*

*PLEASE REMEMBER TO SUBMIT ONE COPY OF BOOK FOR EACH CATEGORY ENTERED! (This is a postmark deadline.)*

<b>EARLY-BIRD DEADLINE 1: JULY 15, 2025</b>	_____	@ \$ 79 = _____	TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED _____
<b>EARLY-BIRD DEADLINE 2: SEPTEMBER 16, 2025</b>	_____	@ \$ 89 = _____	TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED _____
<b>FINAL DEADLINE: DECEMBER 11, 2025</b>	_____	@ \$ 99 = _____	TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED _____

## CONTACT INFORMATION

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Contact Person

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Email Address (for judging updates)

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Company / Publisher (for mailing purposes)

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Mailing Address (for mailing packets if awarded a medal)

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City, State, Postal Code, Country

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Telephone

## PAYMENT METHOD

☐ Check or Money Order in U.S. funds

*To enter online and pay by credit card, visit:  
[www.illuminationawards.com](http://www.illuminationawards.com)*

## HOW TO SEND

Ship books with entry fee(s) and entry form(s) to:

Jenkins Group  
1129 Woodmere Ave, Suite B  
Traverse City, MI 49686

# 2026 ILLUMINATION AWARDS GUIDELINES

## WHO MAY ENTER

Authors, illustrators, publishers, and self-publishers of Christian books written in English may enter.

## ELIGIBILITY

Books published with a copyright date between **2024-2026** are eligible. Any book published since 2000 is eligible for Enduring Light categories.

While the contest is for published books, an ISBN is not required. Galley copies may be submitted if finished copies are not yet available. eBooks are eligible in our Digital Media category and can also be entered in regular subject categories, where they will be judged alongside print books.

## HOW TO ENTER

There are two ways to enter the awards:

1. **Online:** Enter and pay by credit card at [illuminationawards.com/enter](https://illuminationawards.com/enter).
2. **By Mail:** Print and fill out the entry form, then send it with your payment by check.

## SUBMISSION & FEES

You may submit a title in multiple categories, but an entry fee is required for each category entered. Please send one copy of the title for each category. Mail submissions to:

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### Entry Deadlines:

- **Early-Bird Deadline 1: July 15, 2025 - \$79 per entry**
- **Early-Bird Deadline 2: September 16, 2025 - \$89 per entry**
- **Final Deadline: December 11, 2025 - \$99 per entry**

Once you submit your entry, we'll confirm it via email and keep you updated with judging progress and results announcements. So, be sure to provide a valid email address and add [info@illuminationawards.com](mailto:info@illuminationawards.com) to your contacts.



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## WHAT TO SEND

Include your online registration receipt or completed entry form and check (in U.S. funds) with your books, unless they are shipped directly from a distributor.

### Submission Requirements:

- Submit **one** copy of the title per category entered
- **eBook files** (PDF only) can be uploaded after entry. If you have an issue with your upload, please email your PDF to [info@illuminationawards.com](mailto:info@illuminationawards.com) with your order number in the subject line.
- **Audiobooks** can be entered as a gift code from your platform of choice after entry (audio files will not be accepted).

All books submitted become the property of Jenkins Group and will be donated after each award cycle. eBook files will be deleted after judging and the announcement of results. Judges will only see the book itself, so please don't send any press kits, reviews, bookmarks, etc.

## DEADLINE

All entries must be submitted online or postmarked by the final entry deadline of **December 11, 2025**. This allows books to arrive at our office by **January 8, 2026**, which is the start of judging.

## JUDGING PROCESS

Judging will be based on content, design, and production quality, with emphasis on innovation and creative ways of expressing a Christian worldview. Our judging panel includes experts from the fields of education, clergy, bookselling, etc. Three to five medalists per category will be announced around **February 5, 2026**.

## AWARDS & PRESENTATION

Gold, silver, and bronze medals will be awarded in each category. Each winning book receives a medal, a personalized certificate, and 20 sample seals. Additional award seals are available for medalists in rolls of 250 and 1,000. High-resolution versions of the medalist artwork are also available for purchase for book covers and promotional materials.

## AWARD CEREMONY

All medalists are invited to join the awards ceremony that will be held virtually on **March 12, 2026**.



# 2026 ILLUMINATION AWARDS CATEGORIES

## GENERAL CATEGORIES

1. Bible Study
2. Christian Living
3. Devotional
4. Theology
5. Ministry/Mission
6. Catholic
7. Family/Parenting
8. Education
9. Spirituality
10. Illness/Death/Dying
11. Self-Help
12. Biography/Memoir- Inspiration
13. Biography/Memoir- Personal Struggle
14. Holiday
15. Children's Picture Book
16. Juvenile/Young Adult Fiction
17. General Fiction
18. Romance Fiction
19. Mystery/Thriller
20. Keepsake/Gift/Specialty Bible
21. Poetry
22. Digital Media (eBook, Audiobook)

## ENDURING LIGHT CATEGORIES

- L1. Christian Thought
- L2. Devotional
- L3. Inspirational
- L4. Christian Fiction
- L5. Christian Children's Book

