



Registration Form

How did you hear about the award?

Author's Name:

Address:

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Title of Work:

Length of Work:

Date of Publication:

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The Ernest J. Gaines Award for Literary Excellence honors the legacy of one of America's finest literary treasures and recognizes the work of a deserving fiction writer.

The winner will receive a \$10,000 award and present a reading from the work at the award ceremony in January 2013. Travel, accommodations, and meals will be provided.

Criteria for submission: Criteria for submission: Any book-length work of fiction published in the U.S. during 2011. The writer must be African-American. Submissions will be accepted from February 1, 2012 through April 30, 2012 (postmarked).

The Gaines award accepts self-published books for judging under some circumstances. Self-published books must have substantial sales, be reviewed in well-known journals, or must be the choice of a major book club. Proof of sales,

inclusion in book clubs, or published reviews must be submitted along with copies of the book. Without such documentation, self-published books will not be reviewed.

To enter a book for review, send completed registration form and 10 copies of the book to:

**The Ernest J. Gaines Award for Literary Excellence
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*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.

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