GOLDEN QUILL AWARD
Presented by the Friends of the Pikes Peak Library District

THE AWARD:
The Golden Quill Award is presented by the Friends of the Pikes Peak Library District to recognize and celebrate outstanding literary achievement and exemplary community service. The recipient will be honored at an award ceremony and receive a $500 stipend.

The judges may present the award based on an author's accomplishment of writing and publishing a single book, several books, or a lifetime achievement in the literary arts.

CRITERIA:

- The author must live in El Paso County or Teller County, or the close proximity thereof.
- If the author or illustrator is nominated for a book, the book must have been published within the last three years before the submission deadline.
- If nominated for a lifetime of literary achievement the author shall be active in writing, publishing and literary activity within the three years before the date of the submission deadline.
- All nominees shall also be involved in literary work in the community such as but not limited to: teaching, giving workshops, readings, involvement in literacy programs, et cetera.

GENRE: The award is open to all genre of writing including fiction, non-fiction. Illustrators and textbook authors are also eligible.

ACCEPTANCE REQUIREMENTS:

- The awarded author must agree to and attend the award ceremony and give a short (5 to 6 minute) acceptance speech.
- Give a one-hour presentation or workshop on the craft of writing at a Friends-sponsored workshop, within the twelve months following the award.
- Permit the Friends to publicize the author's achievement and their award in the media.

EXCLUSIONS: Friends Board Members and Friends employees, judges, contest committee members and their immediate families are not eligible for the award.

FEE: The nomination fee is $25 and must accompany the application.

DEADLINE: Nominations must be postmarked no later than October 31 of the year preceding the award. For a Golden Quill Nomination Form please contact Friends of PPLD, 5550 North Union Boulevard, Colorado Springs CO 80918-1950 or the Friends Office (719) 531-6333 x 1008 or download the form from the Friends Web site at www.friendsppld.org.
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NOMINATION FORM

The nominee must be at least a five year resident of El Paso County or Teller County or the close proximity thereof. If awarded the Golden Quill the recipient agrees to be present to accept the award; give a short 5 to 6 minute acceptance speech; and within 12 months of the award, under the directions of the Friends, present a writing workshop or talk on writing, under the direction of the Friends. The recipient of the Golden Quill Award receives $500.

Part 1: The Nominee (please print)

Name __________________________________________________________

Address ________________________________________________________

City________________________________ State____ ZIP________________

Phone(s) _______________________________ Cell________________________

Fax _______________________________ E-mail__________________________

Part 2: The Nominee’s Testimony

I, ______________________________________________, hereby agree to the requirements of and give my approval to be nominated for the Golden Quill Award. Date: ______________________________

Part 3: The Nominator

Name __________________________________________________________

Address ________________________________________________________

City________________________________ State____ ZIP________________

Phone(s) _______________________________ Cell________________________

Fax _______________________________ E-mail__________________________

Enclosed is the nomination fee of $25 payable to Friends of PPLD
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Part 4: Supporting Information Required

1. A brief biography, no more than one page, and literary career resume, which may be several pages, of the Nominee.

2. A list of the author's/illustrator's published books. If the author also publishes in magazines and journals, please include as complete a list as possible.

3. Submit two (2) copies of the book that has been published within the last three years before the date of the submission deadline that supports the nomination.

4. A summary of the literary service the author has performed in the local community. Work may include teaching, writing workshops, readings, involvement in literary, library and or reading programs, etc.

5. Support may include letters of recommendation from the author’s peers.

6. Submit a check for $25 payable to the Friends of the Pikes Peak Library District (Memo line: Golden Quill).

7. If selected, the Nominee will provide a recent photo and Press Release materials.

Part 5: Judging

The author’s work(s) will be judged for literary merit, style and technique, authenticity and originality, and overall quality. Community service will be judged on the type, quantity, and quality of service.

The judging will be by the Board of Directors of the Friends of PPLD and/or their delegates. The decision of the Friends Board will be final.

Members of the Friends Board of Directors, the judges, contest committee members, and their immediate families are not eligible for this award.

Part 6: Deadline

The completed Nomination Form and supporting materials must be postmarked no later than October 31 of the year preceding the award. Send or deliver the materials to:

Friends of the Pikes Peak Library District  
ATTN: Golden Quill Awards Chairman  
5550 North Union Boulevard  
Colorado Springs CO 80918-1950

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