



## 2016 PANELIST APPLICATION

As an author, to submit a book for consideration the 2016 Mississippi Book Festival please read over the following requirements before submitting a form for consideration.

### How is a book considered?

To be considered for this year's Festival, please send or have your publicist send us the following:

- Two copies of a finished book/galley/ARC/manuscript, electronic submissions will not be considered.
- A press kit with clippings and reviews
- Author bio with list of previously published titles
- Information about your ability to fund your own travel to Jackson if your publisher is not utilizing publicity budget money to send you to the Festival.

Please mail these items to Mississippi Book Festival, Post Office Box 1185, Jackson, MS 39215.

### When should a book be submitted?

We accept submissions of books June 1, 2015 through January 1, 2016. To be considered, a book must be published within 12 months of the Festival.

### Who decides which authors are invited?

An Author Selection Committee comprised of publishing and book professionals considers the submissions and chooses who will be invited. The bulk of invitations go out between the beginning of January and the end of May.

### What types of books are considered?

- Fiction — including all genres such as thrillers and Westerns
- Narrative nonfiction — history, biography, memoir, and essays
- Cookbooks and food-related titles
- Poetry
- Comics
- Children's literature
- Art and architecture titles

### What types of books are not considered?

The Mississippi Book Festival focuses on the promotion of literature, literacy and libraries in Mississippi; books on the topics of self-improvement, how-to, or books strictly of academic or religious interest will not be considered.

## Should a self-published/printed author submit?

Self-published titles will only be considered if they meet the following criteria:

- The title is bound
- Printed copies can be available for our book seller to sell
- A professional has edited the work
- An established marketing plan has been made and is submitted with the title
- A functional author website exists

The consideration for self-published titles that meet the above criteria will be the same as traditionally published books. For the 2016 Festival, we will not accept self-published titles that exist only in eBook format.

**If your book meets these requirements please fill out the form below and send the required materials to the Mississippi Book Festival.**

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CONTACT PERSON

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TITLE

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SOC. SECURITY # OR FED. TAX ID

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STREET ADDRESS

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CITY / STATE / ZIP

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CELL PHONE

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LAND LINE

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FAX

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E-MAIL

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WEBSITE

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SIGNATURE / DATE

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PRINTED NAME / TITLE