



## ***Council for Wisconsin Writers, Inc.***

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### **Major Achievement Award**

This **\$1000** award is offered by the Council for Wisconsin Writers in alternating years from the [Christopher Latham Sholes Award](#) to honor the work of a Wisconsin writer, without regard to genre or category, who deserves special recognition for his/her literary merit. The Council invites nominations on behalf of writers who meet at least one of the following criteria:

- One or more distinguished publications over the past five years.
  - A growing reputation, both within and beyond the state, as an important literary artist.
  - A lifetime or career achievement exemplifying the standards of excellence the Council seeks to honor in its awards.
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### **Eligibility, Nomination and Selection Procedure**

1. Nominees must be Wisconsin residents; they should also have been residents of the state during a substantial portion of the period of achievement for which they are nominated.
2. Members of CWW and other credentialed professionals (writers, editors, literary agents, publishers, journalists, librarians, educators, or booksellers) may nominate an individual.
3. The postmark **deadline for the 2015 Award is February 1, 2016**. No entry fee is required. No self-nominations will be considered.
4. Nominating letters should include: 1) the credentials of the nominator; 2) a resume or brief bio of the writer nominated, including a list of major publications; 3) a statement of rationale for the award, which may include appropriate quotations from critics or reviewers.
5. Nominees may enter the Council's Awards Competition in other categories, subject to the usual entry fees and rules. However, winners of the Major Achievement Award will become ineligible for other prizes in that contest year (entry fees not returned).
6. The winner will be featured at the Council's annual Wisconsin Writers Awards Banquet. Copies of the winner's works will be on display at the banquet.

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