CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS

THE MAAH STONE BOOK AWARD celebrates writing on the subject of African American history and culture by awarding a $25,000 prize to the author of an exceptional adult non-fiction book written in a literary style. Two Finalist prizes of $5,000 each will also be awarded. The awards will be presented at the historic African Meeting House in Boston, Massachusetts on October 15, 2020.

2020 SUBMISSION RULES AND GUIDELINES

- All books must have been published in the U.S. with a publication date between April 1, 2019 and March 31, 2020.
- All books must be printed in English. Translations are not eligible.
- All authors must be U.S. residents.
- Books must be submitted by publishers and literary agents only. Books may not be submitted for consideration directly by the author.
- Self-published works, where the author is the publisher, e-books, textbooks and anthologies, graphic novels, and co-authored books are not eligible.
- All books must be adult non-fiction.
- Submissions must include a high-resolution image of the book cover and photo (at least 300 dpi) and short biography of the author.
- Five (5) printed copies of the book (galley proofs are acceptable) must be mailed at the publisher’s/literary agent’s expense to:
  The MAAH Stone Book Award
  Museum of African American History
  46 Joy Street
  Boston, MA 02114
  Books must be received by April 24, 2020. Submitted copies of the books will NOT be returned.
- The MAAH Stone Book Award reserves the right to call for additional submissions after April 15, 2020.
- There is no submission fee.

JUDGING PROCESS

- The Museum reserves the right to decline submissions it deems unacceptable. These books will not be returned.
- A jury of three academic scholars will review eligible, acceptable submissions and determine the winner and two finalists.

POST-AWARD AUTHOR RESPONSIBILITIES

The winning author and the two finalists must be present at the award ceremony on October 15, 2020 to accept the prize. Travel to the award ceremony and lodging will be at the expense of the submitting agency. Smaller publishing houses, i.e., those with net sales of less than $4 million per year, will be reimbursed for author travel by the Museum.

The winning author must also agree to participate in a Museum-sponsored book talk and signing at the Boston Public Library in Copley Square on Friday, October 16, 2020.