



**This Entry Form must be completed
and mailed with eligible entries.**

Entry Form

Title of Work:

Published Book

Galley

Date of Publication:

Author's Name:

Address:

City, State, Zip:

Phone:

Email:

Other Works By Author:

Publisher:

Contact:

Publisher's Phone:

Publisher's Email:

Publisher's Address:

How did you hear about the award?

IMPORTANT: Please note the changes to the submission criteria and to the timeline of when entries will be accepted.

CRITERIA FOR SUBMISSION (2017 AWARD):

- Any full-length work of fiction (novel or collection of short stories)
- Published in 2017
- Galley for 2017 publication date will also be accepted
- The writer must be an African-American U.S. citizen
- Self-published books will not be accepted
- Emailed entries will not be accepted

The award, initiated by donors of the Baton Rouge Area Foundation to honor Mr. Gaines, is designed to inspire and recognize rising African-American writers of excellence as they work to achieve the literary heights for which Ernest J. Gaines is known.

To enter a published book or galley for review, send the completed REGISTRATION FORM and 8 copies to:
**The Ernest J. Gaines Award for Literary Excellence
c/o The Baton Rouge Area Foundation
100 North Street, Suite 900
Baton Rouge, LA 70802**

Entries accepted: March 1, 2017 – August 15, 2017

***MUST BE RECEIVED BY AUGUST 15, 2017**

- *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 and participate in educational outreach during that week.
- *For additional information, please email gainesaward@braf.org.