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2022 Hugo Awards Nominations Open

The nominating period for the 2022 Hugo Awards, Lodestar Award for Best Young Adult Book, and *Astounding* Award for Best New Writer has begun and will remain open until 11:59 p.m. Pacific Daylight Time (PDT; UTC-7) on March 15, 2022.

The Hugo Awards are the most prestigious award in the science fiction genre, honouring science fiction literature and media as well as fan activities. The Awards were first presented in 1953 and have been awarded every year since 1955 by the members of the World Science Fiction Society (Worldcon members) at the World Science Fiction Convention (Worldcon).

Eligible Worldcon members are encouraged to nominate up to five works/individuals that they believe are worthy of a Hugo Award in each category. The six most popular nominees in each category will appear on the final voting ballot.

Instructions for accessing the online nominating form have been sent to eligible members via e-mail. Check your junk e-mail/spam/promotions folders in your e-mail client for this e-mail if you did not receive it. Despite the convention's efforts, voter information notification messages may be flagged as spam by some e-mail systems. Worldcon members who are uncertain of their status or who experience problems with the online nominating form should contact [hugo-help@chicon.org](mailto:hugo-help@chicon.org).

[The Chicon 8 \(2022 Worldcon\) Hugo Awards web page](#) has instructions for accessing the online nominating ballot for the 2022 Hugo Awards and links to a PDF version of the paper nominating ballot. All nominations ballots must be **received** by 11:59 pm Pacific Daylight Time (PDT) (UTC-7) on March 15, 2022.

Chicon 8, the 2022 World Science Fiction Convention, will present the 2022 Hugo Awards, which are generally for works first published or appearing in 2021. Any person who is a voting member of at least one of the 2021 or 2022 World Science Fiction Conventions as of 11:59 p.m.

Pacific Standard Time (PST) (UTC-8) on January 31, 2022 may cast a nominating ballot for the 2022 Awards.

Chicon 8 will administer the seventeen Hugo Award categories specified in the WSFS Constitution. There will be no special category Hugo Award in 2022.

The ballots will however also include two other awards administered by the Worldcon. These are the Lodestar Award for Best Young Adult Book, presented by the World Science Fiction Society, and the *Astounding* Award for Best New Writer, presented by Dell Magazines.

Eligible members of the 2021 and 2022 Worldcons can make up to five nominations in each category. You are not required to nominate in all categories or to fill every nomination blank on the ballot. The Hugo Awards are fan-run, fan-given, and fan-supported. We recommend that you nominate whatever works and creators you have personally read or seen that were your favorites from 2021.

Those people/works with sufficient nominations will move onto the final ballot for the 2022 Hugo Awards, which will be announced later this year after the close of nominations. While members of both the 2021 and 2022 Worldcons can nominate for the 2022 Awards, only members of the 2022 Worldcon are eligible to vote on the final ballot. If you are not yet a member of the 2022 Worldcon, see the [Chicon 8 Membership Page](#) for information about joining the convention.

More information about the Hugo Awards, including details about how to submit a nominating ballot: <https://chicon.org/home/whats-happening/hugo-awards/>

Any questions about the administration of the 2022 Hugo Awards should be directed to [hugo-help@chicon.org](mailto:hugo-help@chicon.org).

The 80th World Science Fiction Convention, Chicon 8, will take place in Chicago, Illinois, USA from 1-5 September 2022. For more information about the convention, including current membership rates, visit <http://chicon.org>. All media releases are available at <http://chicon.org/home/about-worldcon/press-and-media/>. Follow us on Twitter at @chicagoworldcon.

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The World Science Fiction Convention (Worldcon) is a five-day event that has been held annually since 1939, apart from a four-year break during the Second World War.