Book/First Book Award

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION FOR APPLIED LINGUISTICS
Summary of Award(s)

AAAL Awards serve to recognize and honor excellence in the field of or related to Applied Linguistics. The AAAL Awards Program is overseen by the AAAL Secretary.

The American Association for Applied Linguistics Book Award recognizes outstanding work in the field of applied linguistics. In bestowing this award, the association honors high quality books that make an exceptional contribution to the field as a whole or to a specific area of specialization. The Book Award is given biennially, alternating every other year with the First Book Award.

The American Association for Applied Linguistics First Book Award recognizes a scholar whose first book represents outstanding work in the field of applied linguistics. In bestowing this award, the association honors high quality books that make an exceptional contribution to the field as a whole or to a specific area of specialization. The First Book Award will be given biennially, alternating every other year with the AAAL Book Award.

General Award Committee Policies

The Business Office will distribute the Conflict of Interest policy to award committee chairs and members annually, following submission of nominations. Chairs will include in reports to the Executive Committee whether any conflicts of interest were raised and how they were attended to by the committee.

At the discretion of the award committee, the award may or may not be presented during a given year. A reason not to make an award would be an insufficient number of nominations, or no nomination that meets the excellence expected.

The President of AAAL shall notify and congratulate award recipients and shall notify nominating parties.

The Chair of each award committee shall notify finalists and/or those not selected. This excepts the Distinguished Scholarship and Service and Outreach Awards. Nominees who are not selected for these awards shall not be notified of such due to the confidential nature of nominations.

All award winners will be announced immediately upon notification

• on the web site and
• in the AAALetter
Book/First Book Award Committee

Purpose

The purpose of the Book/First Book Award Committee is to acknowledge a book or first book (in alternating years) that makes an exceptional contribution to a specific area of specialization or to field as a whole.

Book/First Book Award Committee

Membership

The committee is made up of eleven members, five of whom are elected, five of whom are appointed, and one of whom is one of the Members at Large on the Executive Committee. The chair of the committee is appointed by the Second Vice President prior to the general business meeting at the annual conference from among the previous year’s membership. The chair is normally a committee member who has served on the committee for at least one preceding year and may have been either elected or appointed. Appointed members are appointed by the First Vice President in consultation with the chair prior to the general business meeting at the annual conference. Committee members should represent a broad range of theoretical, methodological and epistemological backgrounds. The appointments should take into consideration the strengths of the elected members in order to balance/extend the coverage of the committee as a whole.

Terms of the committee members shall be three years and shall be staggered.

The committee shall report to the Executive Committee in advance of its spring meeting regarding outcomes of the award cycle and make recommendation for the following year’s cycle when appropriate.

The committee shall be divided into two sub-committees, the monograph sub-committee and the edited book sub-committee, whose work is overseen by the Chair.
The Award

Each award cycle an award may be made to both a monograph and an edited book.

The Book and First Book Awards will be given in alternating years, as follows:

Odd Years: Monograph: AAAL First Book Award, Edited Book: AAAL First Book Award
Even Years: Monograph: AAAL Book Award, Edited Book: AAAL Book Award

The award is a non-cash award consisting of a certificate. In addition, publishers are eligible to use the AAAL award logo on paperback copies and subsequent editions of AAAL award-winning books as well as on publishers’ websites and in publishers’ catalogs. The publishers of books ranked as finalists may use the term ‘AAAL Book Award finalist’ in relation to print and online marketing of these books.

Authors of books ranked as finalists may likewise list ‘AAAL Book Award finalist’ as an academic merit. Only the AAAL award-winning book will be permitted to use the AAAL award logo. Publishers of the AAAL award-winning book as well as books ranked as finalists will receive short endorsement texts, credited collectively to the ‘AAAL Book Award Committee’, which may be used in relation to print or online marketing.

The AAAL book award-winning book and author and finalist books and authors will be formally recognized by AAAL at the annual conference meeting, in the conference program, and on the AAAL website.

A list of previous finalists and winners will be made available on the AAAL website.
Timeline

March: Call for nominations announced
June 1: Nomination deadline
Summer/fall term: Committee undertakes review and deliberation
November 30: Committee completes review and deliberation process
January 1: Deadline for notification of the winning and finalist publishers and authors to be made. Deadline for submission of winner and finalist information to the Business Office.

Notification Procedures

The President of AAAL shall notify the publisher and author(s) of the winning book.

The Chair of the Book Award Committee notifies the publisher and author(s) of the books chosen as finalists.

Publishers of the AAAL award-winning book as well as books ranked as finalists will receive short endorsement texts, credited collectively to the 'AAAL Book Award Committee’, which may be used in relation to print or online marketing.
Books published in the two years prior to the submission deadline are eligible for consideration.

Submission of first edition books bearing an ISBN are welcome from any publisher or organization worldwide. Both monographs and edited books are eligible. While second edition books are not eligible, volumes previously published in another language and translated into English may be submitted. A book based on a dissertation may not be submitted for the book award if the dissertation has also been submitted for the AAAL dissertation award in past or present nomination cycles. Similarly, books previously submitted for the first book award may not also be submitted for the general book award and vice versa.

The author(s) of a submitted book must be members of AAAL in good standing. Individuals may renew membership or join AAAL concurrent with nomination.

Submission should be made directly by the publishing organization. Complete the online submission form, including the name, address, e-mail, and phone number of the publisher’s point of contact as well as the name, institutional affiliation, and e-mail address of the author(s) or editor(s).

After submitting the online form, submit [number of committee members] hardcopies of each book by mail no later than June 1 annually.

Where hard copy and eBook versions of a book are available, [number of committee members] eBook or hard copy versions should be submitted and none will be returned. Books that are available only as eBooks are not eligible.

A publishing organization may submit up to two different titles for consideration in the monograph category and up to two different titles for consideration in the edited book category. To offset administrative costs, a processing fee of 100 USD should be included for each title submitted for consideration. This is an administrative fee only; the book awards do not include a monetary prize for recipients. The fee will be waived for non-profit organizations upon submitted verification of their status in lieu of the processing fee.

Submissions will be reviewed by an interdisciplinary committee of applied linguistics who will evaluate the production qualities (e.g., title, layout, copyediting, and indexing) and scholarly contributions (e.g., theoretical/methodological rigor, organization and clarity of writing, and potential impact on applied linguistics), with greater weight given to scholarly contributions.

The publishers of books that are selected as the finalists and the award recipient will be notified in January, annually. These publishers will also receive comments from the review committee which may be used for promotional purposes. The award will be presented at the AAAL annual conference. Nominees for the award must be an AAAL member at the time of both nomination and award.
Nominations Process (Continued)

Books published in the two years prior to the call for submissions are eligible for consideration. A submission must also be a scholar’s first published book. The First Book Award is given in two categories: (1) monograph and (2) edited book.

Submission of first edition monographs bearing an ISBN are welcome from any publisher or organization worldwide. While second edition books are not eligible, volumes previously published in another language and translated into English may be submitted. A book based on a dissertation may not be submitted for the book award if the dissertation has also been submitted for the AAAL dissertation award in past or present award cycles. Similarly, books previously submitted for the general Book Award may not also be submitted for the First Book award and vice versa.

The author(s) or editor(s) of a submitted book must be members of AAAL in good standing. Individuals may renew membership or join AAAL concurrent with submission.

Submission should be made directly by the publishing organization. Complete the online submission form, including the name, address, e-mail, and phone number of the publisher’s point of contact as well as the name, institutional affiliation, and e-mail address of the author(s) or editor(s).

Submit [number of committee members] hard copies of each book along with the award submission form no later than June 1, annually. Please note that eBooks must be submitted in addition to hard copies. Hard copy books will not be returned.

A publishing organization may submit up to two different titles for award consideration in each category (i.e., up to two monographs and up to two edited books and no more than four in total). To offset administrative costs, a processing fee of 100 USD should be included for each title submitted for consideration. The fee will be waived for non-profit organizations who may submit verification of their status in lieu of the processing fee. This is an administrative fee only; the book awards do not include a monetary prize for recipients.

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