

AUTHOR SUBMISSION RUBRIC

Submissions to the Indie Author Project regional contests will be assessed based on the following criteria:

Grammar and syntax

Submissions must be free from distracting grammatical and syntactical errors.

Plot and pacing

The Indie Author Project strives to curate a collection of diverse and unique stories. Works featuring tired tropes, uneven pacing, convoluted narratives, and other similar issues will not be chosen.

Characterization

Characters should be multi-dimensional and avoid harmful stereotypes.

Sensitivity

Books will be evaluated for cultural competency. Fiction can of course deal with and tackle prejudice, but submissions that reflect or excuse racist, homophobic, sexist, ableist, etc. views/language will not be tolerated by the Indie Author Project.

General appeal and reader interest

YA submissions should be age appropriate for a YA audience