

**Cat Writers Association 2009 Communications Contest  
Shojai Mentor Award Nomination Form**

The SHOJAI MENTOR AWARD, sponsored by past-president Amy D. Shojai, recognizes the CWA member who has offered guidance, encouraging counsel, support, or other help that has had a direct and positive influence on another's writing/publishing success. Qualifying mentor experiences are limited to those occurring within the past three contest periods (approximately the last three years). The recipient shall exemplify the highest ideals of the CWA vision, that is, to promote communal support, networking, and mutual respect between colleagues. Only CWA members are eligible for the award. The honoree shall receive \$500 and a commemorative award.

Nominations of any CWA member may be submitted by any individual (member or nonmember) The "Submitter" must be the direct beneficiary in the mentor relationship. Multiple nominations of one individual by several different people are allowed. (Impact of individual mentor experiences weighs most heavily and a "group vote/campaign" for an individual is strongly discouraged. It shall not influence the judging one way or another.) The "Nominee" contribution must go beyond that individual's required duties as defined by his/her employment--in other words he or she cannot be "paid" to act as a mentor. (i.e., An editor's routine purchase, editing, or publishing of a Submitter's work does not qualify, nor does a book doctor's revision, nor an agent's sale. To qualify, the mentoring must reach above and beyond the "normal or routine" business relationship one would expect the agent, book doctor, editor or other professional to extend to any of his/her other clients.) You may not nominate yourself. Nominations shall be reviewed and a recipient selected by the contest committee. There is no entry fee required to nominate someone for this award.

**Send this completed form, with any attachments, in triplicate, to Contest Chair Nancy Marano.**  
(Please type or print legibly.)

NAME of NOMINEE: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone (day)\_\_\_\_\_ (evening)\_\_\_\_\_ (email)\_\_\_\_\_

NAME of SUBMITTER: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone (day)\_\_\_\_\_ (evening)\_\_\_\_\_ (email)\_\_\_\_\_

Please provide a brief summary of your mentor experience, including direct, positive professional results of the relationship. (Please keep the summary to one single-spaced page.)

**ENTRIES MUST BE POSTMARKED NO LATER THAN JULY 1, 2009**

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**Contest Chair  
Nancy Marano  
7601 Vista del Arroyo NE  
Albuquerque, NM 87109**