Family History Book Award
Guidelines and Conditions of Entry

Each year the Queensland Family History Society may confer the honour of the Family History Book Award on a person who has published the best family history with significant Queensland content, in book form, within the last five years.

Books submitted as entries would preferably be the story of a family, not an individual. An index and the citation of references are of prime importance; maps, data and genealogical tables and illustrations are also important. The absence of citations and index will not disqualify an entry, but will limit the likelihood of an award.

Entries close on **30 November each year** and prizes are presented at a special meeting later the following year. Members and non-members may submit entries.

GUIDELINES

As a guide to entrants the following points indicate the judging criteria. It may be useful to use this as a checklist before submitting your work to the Society.

Scope and planning of the work

- Family history focus – preference for families over individuals
- Queensland content
- Placement of the family in its historical setting
- Did the publication achieve its objectives?

Content – these items are critical to the work

- Title page – full title, author, publisher, location, date
- Reverse title page – copyright statement, edition, reprints
- Table of contents
- Full citation of references – footnotes/endnotes giving sources and locations
- Bibliography or list of sources
- Comprehensive and accurate index – names, places, other categories as applicable
- Acknowledgements and appropriate recognition of copyright (https://www.copyright.org.au/).
- Respect of privacy (https://www.oaic.gov.au/).

Presentation

- English expression
- Arrangement of content – page numbering, style, syntax, chapters
- Readability – font size and suitability
- Illustrations such as photographs, maps, diagrams and their sources – should be appropriate and referred to in text

- Clarity of data and genealogical tables.

Overall impression – interesting story, historical setting, historical accuracy,

Tie Breaking criteria - Entertaining, innovative, wide appeal

Use of AI – The power and ubiquity of AI is increasing, and we assume that an author will be tempted to use it for some tasks. E.g. using it to assist research or produce graphics or cover design or to aid indexing may all be acceptable. However, using it to generate text or to improve text creates problems from a competition perspective. If we suspect AI involvement, we may test for it. Therefore, we request that any use of AI in the production of the entry is disclosed.

CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

The award for the first prize winner will be $250 and 12 months free single membership of the Society. The winning entry or entries will be reviewed in our journal *The Queensland Family Historian*.

1 Entries must be submitted to the Family History Book Award Sub-Committee of the Queensland Family History Society by 30 November each year. Judging will then take place and presentation/s will be made later in the following year at a special event.

2 All entries submitted remain the property of the Society. They will be included in the print collection of the QFHS Library and Resource Centre. Each entry will have a bookplate inserted to indicate its entry for the Award.

3 All entries must be in a recognised book form with paper or hard covers and be issued in an edition of two or more copies.

4 An entry for this Award is preferably about a family or families with a family history focus rather than just one individual.

5 An entry for this award should have significant Queensland content.

6 Entries need not have been written during the current year but should have been published no earlier than five years ago.

7 Authors may submit more than one entry in any year if they wish.

8 The judging panel will give fair consideration to all eligible entries each year and reserves the right to refuse any entry considered unsuitable.

9 The Society has the right to publicise winning entries where the Award may be receiving public notice or acknowledgement.

Complete the entry form which can be found on our website

Good luck!