

**Requirements for Participation in the  
34th Annual Massachusetts Children's Book Award Program  
Sponsored by Salem State College**

2009-2010

1. The school principal should support the children, teachers, and librarians in their participation in the Massachusetts Children's Book Award Program. Participating teachers and librarians should devote a reasonable amount of time to activities that will promote the Award Program.
2. The school or its library should have available for circulation as many of the titles on the nominated list as possible.
3. Children in grades 4, 5, and 6 are eligible to vote if they have read, or have heard read aloud, at least five of the books from the 2010 Master List.
4. Participating teachers will encourage every eligible child to vote for his or her favorite book and will tally the class votes and submit them to the coordinator, who may be the librarian, the reading specialist, or another person delegated to assume this responsibility. **Note: Only final votes for a favorite, one per child, are sent to Salem State College (no rankings).**
5. The coordinator will submit the Official Ballot to Salem State College, attn: Dr. Michelle Pierce. (If only one classroom teacher in a school participates, the teacher will register and submit his or her own tally to Salem State College.) **Note: If the coordinator is working with multiple schools or libraries, s/he should submit an Official Ballot for each location; this will ensure that a certificate is sent for each participating school or library.**
6. Coordinators should register on-line at [www.salemstate.edu/education/mcba/](http://www.salemstate.edu/education/mcba/) **Registration must be submitted each year, and the registration period for this year is June 1- December 31, 2009.** If you are unable to register on-line, please call 978-542-7903 to request a hard copy.
7. The **Official Ballot** will be **posted on the website** by **January 31, 2010**. All ballots must be returned to Salem State College, attention **Dr. Michelle Pierce, MCBA, Education Department, Salem State College, 352 Lafayette Street, Salem MA 01970** and **postmarked by March 6, 2010**, in order to be counted. If you are unable to access the ballot on-line, please call 978-542-7903 to receive a hard copy.
8. The **2010 MCBA winners will be announced on the website** on **April 3, 2010**.
9. Each participating school will receive a certificate of participation with the name of the winning book selected by the children as the winner of the 2010 Massachusetts Children's Book Award.
10. Public librarians may facilitate the MCBA program for home-schooled children and for children whose schools do not participate in MCBA. Branch libraries within one city or town should appoint one person to be program coordinator, receive the mailings from Salem State College, and to share copies of the mailings with librarians at other branches who wish to participate.

For further information about the Massachusetts Children's Book Award, please contact Dr. Michelle Pierce at Salem State College at 978-542-7903 (fax: 978-542-7023) or e-mail [mcba@salemstate.edu](mailto:mcba@salemstate.edu)