



## ***2025 GCA Submissions Requirements***

Greetings, 2025 Glyph Comics Award Submitter. We are thrilled that you've chosen to be a part of our vibrant community celebrating the excellence of Black Comics! Your unique voices and talents breathe life into the pages, and we can't wait to witness your creative magic.

As you dive into this journey, we encourage you to read the submissions requirements with care. Every stroke of your art, every word in your narrative, and every panel in your comic deserves the spotlight it will receive in our competition. Please consider these requirements as the compass guiding your submission, for they ensure your work stands strong in the judging process. Let your passion and creativity shine, but remember, the guidelines serve as your loyal companions on this adventure.

### ***Eligibility***

We welcome submissions from a wide spectrum of creators and publishers, including both established and emerging voices in the world of comics. To be eligible for consideration for award recognition, the submitted works must meet the following criteria:

- ❖ **Publication Date:** The material must have been released between January 1, 2024, and December 31, 2024.
- ❖ **Black-themed Work:** The Committee defines Black-themed work as any comic that incorporates one or more of the following elements:
  - Inclusion of Black Protagonist(s) or Significant Black Character(s) driving the story's narrative.
  - Exploration of Black Experiences: The setting or theme delves into the Black experience, whether within the United States or abroad, spanning past, present, and future.
  - Created by Black Creators: The comic is authored and/or illustrated by Black creator(s).

We encourage all potential submitters to carefully review these eligibility criteria to ensure that their work aligns with our mission of celebrating and recognizing the excellence of Black Comics. Any submissions that do not meet these guidelines may be disqualified from consideration.

### ***Awards Categories Overview***

We have a total of nine (9) awards categories that recognize exceptional contributions to Black Comics. Each of the GCA Submitter's eligible works will undergo a rigorous evaluation by our official GCA Judges to determine nominations. These dedicated judges will select winners for eight awards, while the Fan Award will be determined through a public vote.

Here's a breakdown of the awards categories:

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| ❖ Story of the Year | ❖ Best Cover            | ❖ Rising Star Award             |
| ❖ Best Writer       | ❖ Best Male Character   | ❖ Best Comic Strip or Web-comic |
| ❖ Best Artist       | ❖ Best Female Character | ❖ Fan Award for Best Comic      |



### ***Submission Guidelines and Deadlines***

To facilitate the submission process and ensure a smooth experience for all official GCA Submitters, we have established the following guidelines and deadlines:

- ❖ **Electronic Submissions Only:** We no longer accept hard copies of submissions. All works must be sent through the official GCA Submissions file transfer. Please access the official GCA Submissions file transfer using the following shortcut: <files-gca.ecbacc.com>.
- ❖ **Online Comic Creators and Cartoonists:** If you're an online comic creator or a newspaper/periodical cartoonist with a website, you have the option to send a direct URL link to your website or page. For daily cartoonists, a minimum of one month's work must be archived and available for viewing, while weekly cartoonists must have a minimum of two months of work accessible.
- ❖ **Submission Form Requirement:** Each submitted publication must be accompanied by an official GCA Submission Form completion. You can complete the online form using the appropriate link at <forms.ecbacc.com>.
- ❖ **Submission Deadline:** The deadline for electronic entries is FRIDAY, JANUARY 31, 2025. Please ensure that your submissions are received by Friday, January 31, 2025, at 11:59:59 PM Eastern.

These guidelines and deadlines are designed to streamline the submission process and ensure that all works are eligible for consideration. If you have any questions or need further assistance with the submission process, please don't hesitate to reach out.

### ***Nomination Announcement***

We understand that the judging process can sometimes encounter unforeseen delays due to the meticulous evaluation of submissions. While we are committed to ensuring a thorough and fair selection process, we also recognize the importance of keeping submitters informed.

Therefore, we aim to announce nominations for the Glyph Comics Awards as promptly as possible, taking into consideration the time needed for the judging process. Our tentative goal is to announce nominations by March 31, 2025. Please note that this date may be subject to minor adjustments if required to ensure a comprehensive and accurate evaluation.



### ***Join Us in Celebrating Excellence***

We extend a warm invitation to all creators, whether you're a seasoned professional or just starting on your creative journey. The 2025 Glyph Comics Awards ceremony promises to be a memorable occasion celebrating the vibrant world of Black Comics. We encourage you to participate and be a part of this exciting event.

Mark your calendars for the Glyph Comics Awards ceremony, which will take place at the East Coast Black Age of Comics Convention (ECBACC) on Friday, MAY 16, 2025. It's an opportunity to come together with fellow creators, enthusiasts, and fans to celebrate the artistry and storytelling that enriches the world of comics.

Should you have any questions about the GCA Submissions Process or need further information, please don't hesitate to reach out to our GCA Chair, Mr. Shenkarr Davis [Shenkarr.Davis@ecbacc.com]. We are here to assist and guide you through the process.

We sincerely hope that your journey through this process is both pleasant and enjoyable. Your participation is invaluable, and we appreciate your commitment to making the Glyph Comics Awards a resounding success.

Warm regards,

The Glyph Comics Award Committee

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