

We felt that the time was right to start recognizing the hard work and dedication of those who've chosen to share either parts of themselves or their passion with the greater Birmingham area (designated as Jefferson, Shelby and St. Clair Counties for the purposes of the contest) through blogging.

We still haven't come up with a name for these awards as of yet, but we know that they need to happen. We also knew that we couldn't necessarily do "normal" awards.

So we've decided to break them up into two sections.

The [Readers' Choice awards](#) will be determined in large part by your nominations.

You've got until **11:59 p.m. CT on Friday, August 27** to let us know your thoughts. We'll take the posts and personalities with the most nominations and allow you to choose the winner between **Monday, August 30** and **Friday, September 10**.

Nominations for the Juried awards ~~will open on August 17~~ [have now opened](#) and also close on **Friday, August 27**. There will be a fee associated with entering the juried competition. We plan to announce the members of the panel on August 31.

Please note that blog posts must have been published between Aug. 1, 2009, and July 31, 2010.

We plan to announce the winners of the contest on Friday, September 17 (incidentally the night before the first full day of [WordCamp Birmingham 2010](#)).

Thanks to

Please feel free to [contact us via email](#) if you have any additional questions about the awards. We're still looking for additional sponsors. There will be a FAQ page created that will be updated as needed during the nominations/voting periods.