



AWARD RULES

1. The Simmies are awards given annually to honour the most memorable, entertaining and unfortunate moments on the Ship of Fools bulletin boards.
2. The awards are given in the form of St Simeon trophies, which are mailed to the winners. They are named after St Simeon the Holy Fool, the patron saint of Ship of Fools.
3. The awards relate to the period of 1 January to 31 December.
4. Nominations for the awards are made by shipmates on a special bulletin board – The Simmies board – during December.
5. All shipmates, including Hosts and Admins, may nominate and be nominated.
6. Shipmates may nominate themselves for any award except Shipmate, Host and Newbie of the Year. Anyone nominating themselves for too many categories risks being beaten to death by fluffy bunnies in Hell.
7. Nominations close at midnight (GMT) on 31 December.
8. Only shipmates with live accounts (i.e. not banned or suspended) during the nomination period and at the time of the online presentation ceremony may be considered for an award.

9. All the awards are decided by public polls (one per award) open to all shipmates on The Simmies board. The polls will be opened soon after the close of nominations.

10. Nominees can have their nomination cancelled before polling starts by PMing one of The Simmies board Hosts.

11. The awards are presented at an online ceremony in January.

12. The award categories are as follows:

Shipmate of the Year

Newbie of the Year

Host of the Year

Best Thread

Best Post

Best Opening Post

Best Quote

Best Sig

Best Avatar

Theologian of the Year

Wit of the Year

Hell denizen of the Year

Lamest Hell thread

Best Putdown

13. Other special awards may be made each year at the discretion of the Hosts and Admins.

14. In the event of a tie, the Simmy is decided by the Hosts and Admins.