

Awards

NDEA fellow, 1974

Obie Award

Outer Critics Circle Award

Audience Development Committee (Audelco) Award

Mademoiselle Award

Frank Silvera Writers' Workshop Award, 1978

Los Angeles Times Book Prize for Poetry, 1981 (for Three Pieces)

Guggenheim fellowship, 1981

Medal of Excellence, Columbia University, 1981

Obie Award, 1981, for Mother Courage and Her Children

Nori Eboraci Award

Barnard College, 1988

Lila Wallace-Reader's Digest Fund annual writer's award, 1992

Paul Robeson Achievement Award, 1992

Arts and Cultural Achievement Award

National Coalition of 100 Black Women (Pennsylvania chapter), 1992

Taos World Poetry Heavyweight Champion, 1992, 1993, 1994

Living Legend Award, National Black Theatre Festival, 1993

Claim Your Life Award

WDAS-AM/FM, 1993

Monarch Merit Award

National Council for Culture and Arts

Supersisters trading card set (one of the cards featured Shange's name and picture), 1979

Pushcart Prize

St. Louis Walk of Fame inductee

Proclamation of "Ntozake Shange Day" (Borough of Manhattan, New York) by Congressman Charles Rangel on June 14, 2014.

Nominations

Tony Award, 1977

Grammy Award, 1977

Emmy Award nominations (all for for colored girls who have considered suicide / when the rainbow is enuf)