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Thread: [Giving Away A Free Book Question](#)

J. McCarthy - January 20, 2017, 11:09 am

Hi I want to giveaway a short motivational eBook I've written for free to members.

I will be purchasing a sticky for it, however, I want to know if it's allowed to require people to post on the thread to receive the book?

Soulmate~?? - January 20, 2017, 11:12 am

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Prophett - January 20, 2017, 11:13 am

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The mentors and staff moderate it so report the post if you see them breaking the rule.

Mr Whiskey - January 20, 2017, 11:53 am

Post to PM always confused me because I see it ALL the time.

"Post below or PM me to get this"

VirtualFrost - January 20, 2017, 11:57 am

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I thought post to receive it was allowed.

Anyways yeah because I want to know who's receiving it not just post the link

Elitas - January 20, 2017, 12:27 pm

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Eagle 95 - January 20, 2017, 12:55 pm

Just because it's a paid sticky, it can be only exempt from marketplace violations such as posting a marketplace thread outside marketplace (I know this isn't marketplace thread just saying). All other rules still apply. Here is the [explanation](#) what you can and cannot say when doing that giveaway.

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Revenge - January 21, 2017, 12:25 am

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Thank you for the help Eagle, pleasure as always.No I believe that is also against the rules to say PM or Post. It is another form of Post to PM really. Here are a few threads that I found that suggest it is against the rules:

<https://hackforums.net/showthread.php?tid=3310994>

<https://hackforums.net/showthread.php?tid=3349795&pid=31434151#pid31434151>

I think you should just stay aware from doing both and just asking for one honestly.

Eagle 95 - January 21, 2017, 12:42 am

(Jan 20, 2017 05:55 PM)Formula1 Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Is it allowed to say please PM me OR post to receive?

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Thank you for the help Eagle, pleasure as always.

No, you cannot require them to post in order to receive something. It's either PM me for the download/more info/etc. or you place a download link directly on the thread.

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Alright thanks for the clarifications man

I'll edit the graphics and get er up here shortly.