



Rhode Island PRESS ASSOCIATION

2009 EDITORIAL CONTEST

CONTEST CATEGORIES

1. NEWS STORY

Recognizes the best single news story on a local subject. Entries may include informational sidebars or features relating to the main story appearing in a single issue. Judging will be based on the depth of information presented, clarity of writing and evidence of enterprise by the reporter(s).

2. SPOT NEWS STORY

Recognizes the best single spot news story on a local subject. Entries may include informational sidebars or features relating to the main story appearing in a single issue. Judging will be based on the depth of information gathered on the spot news event, clarity of writing and evidence of enterprise by the reporter(s).

3. INVESTIGATIVE/ANALYTICAL NEWS STORY OR SERIES

Recognizes an outstanding story or collection of stories, including sidebars, that involve investigative, analytical or other in-depth reporting. Entries in this category must go beyond first-day news stories in approach and execution. Judging will be based on the quality of reporting, depth of information presented and enterprise.

4. BUSINESS STORY

Recognizes the best single news or feature business story or stories on a local topic appearing in a single issue. Judging will be based on style and technique of writing, originality and enterprise.

5. EDUCATIONAL STORY

Recognizes the best single news or feature education story or stories on a local topic appearing in a single issue. Judging will be based on style and technique of writing, originality and enterprise.

6. RELIGIOUS STORY

Recognizes the best single news or feature story or stories on a local religious topic published in a single issue. Judging will be based on style and technique of writing, originality and enterprise.

7. REPORTING ON THE ENVIRONMENT/SCIENCE

Recognizes the best single news or feature story or stories on a local topic dealing with the environment or science published in a single issue. Judging will be based on style and technique of writing, originality and enterprise.

8. PROFILE OR PERSONALITY STORY

Recognizes the best single personality piece or profile of a local subject. Judging will be based on writing style, originality and extent to which piece conveys subject's character, style or purpose.

9. FEATURE STORY (SHORT)

Recognizes the best single feature story measuring 1,000 words or less on a topic of local interest published in a single issue. Judging will be based on style and technique of writing, originality and enterprise.

10. FEATURE STORY (IN-DEPTH)

Recognizes the best single feature story measuring more than 1,000 words on a topic of local interest appearing in a single

issue. Judging will be based on style and technique of writing, originality and enterprise.

11. ARTS REVIEW OR CRITICISM

Recognizes the outstanding single critique or review of a local theater, dance or musical performance, gallery show, literary work, film, musical recording or other art form. Prize-winning entries should convey a vital sense of the subject, effective writing style and depth of insight and knowledge of the field.

12. ARTS OR ENTERTAINMENT STORY

Recognizes outstanding arts and entertainment reporting or feature writing on a local topic, artist or entertainer. Judging will be based on originality, writing style, depth of insight and knowledge of the field.

13. FOOD & DINING STORY

Recognizes outstanding reporting on a topic related to food or dining. Judging will be based on style and technique of writing, originality and enterprise.

14. MOST UNIQUE OR UNEXPECTED STORY

Recognizes the most unique, unexpected, humorous or creative stories of the year. Judges will consider quality of writing, originality and enterprise.

15. SPORTS STORY

Recognizes outstanding reporting of a breaking story or a story or stories examining a local aspect of a trend in spectator or participatory sports or general recreation published in a single issue. Judging will be based on writing style, originality and enterprise, as well as the ability to communicate to both sports fans and non-sports fans.

16. SPORTS FEATURE STORY

Recognizes an outstanding local feature story or personality piece involving an organized sports or recreation program. Judging will be based on technique and style of writing, originality and enterprise.

17. SPORTS COLUMNIST

Recognizes outstanding sports writing by a columnist. Judging will be based on writing style, originality and insight. Each writer's entry should include three (3) different columns to be considered as a whole. A sports columnist's work should appear at least on a monthly basis to qualify for entry in this category.

18. EDITORIAL WRITER

Recognizes outstanding editorial writing on local subjects. Each writer's entry should include three (3) different editorials to be considered as a whole. Judging will be based on the quality and clarity of writing and the depth of the writer's research into the issues. Entries must have been clearly published as editorials.

19. COLUMNIST

Recognizes outstanding column writing. Judging will be based on writing style, originality and insight. Each writer's entry should include three (3) different columns to be considered as a whole. A columnist's work should appear at least on a monthly basis to qualify for entry in this category.

20. GENERAL NEWS PHOTO

Recognizes an outstanding photograph of an anticipated event.

21. FEATURE PHOTO

Recognizes an outstanding photograph, not necessarily of a specific news event. Judging will be based on the skill and imagination of the photographer.

22. SPOT NEWS PHOTO

Recognizes an outstanding photograph of a spot news event.

23. PERSONALITY PHOTO OR PORTRAIT

Recognizes an outstanding portrait or profile photo of a local person.

24. SPORTS PHOTO

Recognizes an outstanding photograph of a local sports event.

25. PHOTO SERIES/PICTURE STORY

Recognizes an outstanding grouping of photographs that tells a story or covers one topic (with or without text) published in a single issue.

26. HEADLINE WRITING

Recognizes outstanding headline writing on local subjects only (no wire/AP copy). Entries consist of three (3) different headlines from the same publication during the entry period (all of 2009). Judging is based on creativity, originality and

accurate representation of story content. Headlines **MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY STORY.**

27. SPECIAL SECTION

Recognizes an outstanding special section written and produced entirely by a newspaper's staff on a particular topic or commemorating a local event, anniversary or observation. Prize-winning entries should demonstrate good planning as well as strong writing and design.

28. BEST NEWSPAPER FRONT PAGE

Recognizes the best front page of one newspaper published during the contest period. Judges will consider news content and organization, use of photography, headlines, design and layout.

29. BEST COVER

Recognizes the best cover of a publication designed to attract readers, not necessarily to deliver news. Entrants may include magazines, alternative newspapers or other qualified publications that appear at least monthly. Section covers are not eligible. Judges will consider use of photography, headlines, design and visual impact.

GENERAL RULES

1. Competition is open only to member publications of the Rhode Island Press Association.
2. Material submitted must have been published between **Jan. 1, 2009, and Dec. 31, 2009.**
3. In all categories **EXCEPT** photo categories, publications may enter three items per category. (See photo rules below.) Each writer is limited to one entry per category. Each entry may be entered in one category only.
4. Employees and regular contributors of member publications are considered staff for the purposes of this contest.
5. Prepare entries as shown below, using a letter-sized manila file folder. Include **TWO** fully completed entry forms.
6. All entries should be mailed to:

RIPA 2009 Editorial Awards
c/o Mark Murphy
Providence Business News
220 West Exchange St.
Suite 210
Providence, RI 02903

7. All publications are judged together.
8. Categories that do not draw at least five (5) entries will not be judged.

CONTEST FEES

9. The fee is \$20 for the first entry **from each publication (i.e., individual newspaper flag)** and \$10 for each subsequent entry.

Fees must accompany entries.

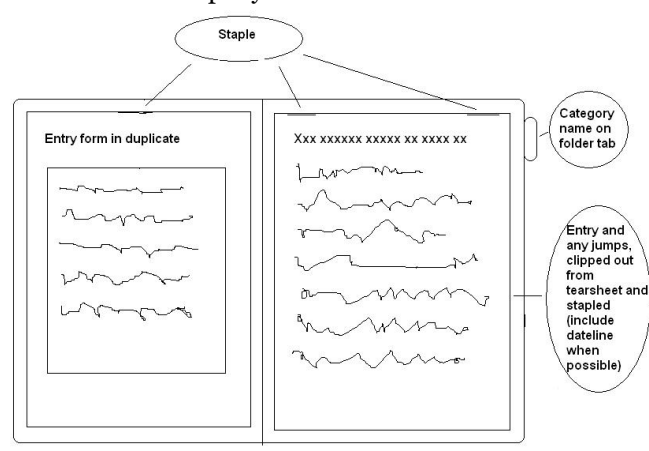


PHOTO ENTRY RULES

1. Each photographer is limited to no more than two (2) entries per category.
2. Photographers should enter a tearsheet copy of each image, but may include a glossy print for display at banquet only.
3. Judging will be based on imagination, originality and composition. Judges are asked to disregard size, reproduction and printing problems as much as possible.
5. Eligible entrants must be full- or part-time employees, or regular contributors of member newspapers.

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2009 EDITORIAL AWARDS ENTRY FORM

Publishing company: _____

Newspaper: _____

Address: _____ Phone: _____

Journalist's name: _____

Date (s) entry was published: _____

NOTE: A separate entry form, filled out in **DUPLICATE**, is required for each entry. (One copy will be kept for our file and the other will be sent with the entry to the judges.) If one journalist is entered in more than one category, a separate entry form (filled out in **DUPLICATE**) is required for each submission. Staple both forms on the inside left cover of file folder, as shown in directions.

MAILING: A contest entry fee of \$20 for the first entry from each publication and \$10 for each subsequent entry and one completed Company Registration Form must accompany each newspaper or group's submissions. **Each entry must be clipped from the publication and stapled in its own letter-sized manila file folder, with the category name written on the file folder's tab.** Please send all entries from each newspaper or group in one package to: RIPA 2009 Editorial Awards, c/o Mark Murphy, Providence Business New, 220 West Exchange St., Suite 210, Providence, RI 02903, by **FRIDAY, FEB 12, 2010**. **No entries will be accepted after that time.**

The enclosed entry is in the category checked below:

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| <input type="radio"/> News Story | <input type="radio"/> Sports Story |
| <input type="radio"/> Spot News Story | <input type="radio"/> Sports Feature Story |
| <input type="radio"/> Investigative/Analytical News Story or Series | <input type="radio"/> Sports Columnist |
| <input type="radio"/> Business Story | <input type="radio"/> Editorial Writer |
| <input type="radio"/> Educational Story | <input type="radio"/> Columnist |
| <input type="radio"/> Religious Story | <input type="radio"/> General News Photo |
| <input type="radio"/> Reporting on the Environment/Science | <input type="radio"/> Feature Photo |
| <input type="radio"/> Profile or Personality Story | <input type="radio"/> Spot News Photo |
| <input type="radio"/> Feature Story (Short) | <input type="radio"/> Sports Photo |
| <input type="radio"/> Feature Story (In-Depth) | <input type="radio"/> Personality Photo or Portrait |
| <input type="radio"/> Arts or Entertainment Story | <input type="radio"/> Photo Series/Pictorial |
| <input type="radio"/> Arts Review or Criticism | <input type="radio"/> Headline Writing |
| <input type="radio"/> Food & Dining Story | <input type="radio"/> Special Section |
| <input type="radio"/> Most Unusual/Unexpected Story | <input type="radio"/> Best Newspaper Front Page |
| | <input type="radio"/> Best Cover |

PLEASE REPRODUCE THIS PAGE FOR INCLUSION WITH EACH ENTRY

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Please include this form with your completed package of contest entries.

Publishing Company: _____

Address: _____

Name of contest coordinator: _____

Phone/e-mail contact: _____

FEES

The cost is \$20 for the first entry from each publication and \$10 for each subsequent entry. For example: Publishing Company A has four separate publications: a daily newspaper, two weekly newspapers and a magazine. If Company A submits contest entries for all four publications, it must pay \$20 for the first entry from each of those publications (\$80 total) and \$10 for all subsequent entries.

List each publication entered:

Number of publications entered: _____ x \$20 _____
(includes fee for first entry from each publication)

Number of additional entries: _____ x \$10 _____

Total: _____

Mail or deliver this form, check and all entries to:

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