

2008 AAJA NATIONAL JOURNALISM AWARDS

Frequently Asked Questions

Q Is there an entry fee?

A There is a fee of \$100 per entry. For 2008 AAJA members the fee is waived.

Those who wish to become AAJA members before submitting their entry form are welcome. Note that AAJA membership is based on the calendar year: 2008 membership expires December 31, 2008.

Q What is the deadline?

A All completed entry forms and accompanying materials, including payment if applicable, must be received at the National Office of AAJA by April 25, 2008. A postmark by the deadline is not sufficient.

Q Who is eligible for the awards?

A Anyone who meets the eligibility requirements. AAJA does not discriminate based on race or any other factors.

Q What work is eligible?

A All work must have been published or broadcast. Works published online are eligible. Works published in/by English-language ethnic media are eligible. Student work is not eligible. See entry form for other details.

Q What period of work is covered by the 2008 awards?

A The period of eligibility is the previous full calendar year. This means that for the 2008 awards, work published or broadcast from January 1, 2007 through December 31, 2007 is eligible.

Q If I previously submitted work completed early in 2007 for the 2007 AAJA National Journalism Awards, would I be able to submit the same piece for the 2008 awards?

A Yes, your work would be eligible, but you must re-submit it along with the 2008 form and fees, if applicable. Only 2007 award winners are not allowed to submit the same piece of work for which they won.

Q Who is the “entrant” if the piece was a joint or team effort?

A The person named as the entrant must have had a lead role in the work submitted.

Q Who will be judging the work?

A The AAJA National Board selects a committee to judge the National Awards as well as an AAJA Chapter to create and awards video each year. The committee selects professional journalists in every medium to conduct the judging.

AAJA does not publicly release the names of judges or the chapter in advance of the announcement of the winners. All judges will be individually listed in the convention book.

Q Will I be notified if my entry is received? How will I know if I won?

A The person submitting the entry form will be notified within one week of receipt of the materials. AAJA is not obligated to inform entrants whether they won or to disclose the date of the judges' decision. Winners will be contacted in advance of the UNITY: Journalists of Color National Convention, July 23-27, 2008 in Chicago, IL. A list of winners will be available online after the convention.

Q What happens to my work once I've submitted it? Can I have it returned to me?

A All submitted work and accompanying materials are not returnable. All work submitted becomes property of AAJA and may be (a) destroyed after winners are selected, (b) used for promotional outreach materials for the organization, including publications and the Web site, or (c) stored in AAJA's archives for future use. Occasionally, AAJA is asked by media organizations to share member's photos or work. At our discretion, AAJA will agree to this unless otherwise requested by the entrant in writing to the AAJA National Office.

Please also see entry form for details. For more information:

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