

2021 Student Journalism & Alumni Magazine Awards

Judging Requirements

This judging-services agreement is between the Catholic Media Association (CMA) and assigned judges.

SECTION 1: OVERVIEW

The Student and Alumni Awards recognition program for students and alumni from Catholic universities or Catholic alumni magazine and highlights the work of members during the previous year.

- Judges must have experience in the medium they are judging.
- Judges must be computer proficient.
- Judges must write 2-3 sentences about the qualities that made the winning 1st -3rd place entries stand out.
- Judges may disqualify entries that do not meet the criteria of a category.

SECTION 2: PERFORMANCE OF SERVICES

Each judge shall perform the services with the skill, diligence and care expected of recognized professionals with regard to similar work.

SECTION 3: RECUSAL

After reviewing your assigned category entries, if you sense a conflict of interest or are concerned that your skill set does not match the category needs, we ask that you recuse yourself from those categories. We appreciate your immediate attention to this so that we have enough time to find another judge.

Please contact Eucarol Juarez or Kathleen Holloway at cpaawards@catholicpress.org to recuse yourself.

Recusing yourself from one category does not limit your eligibility to judge other categories.

SECTION 4: TIMELINE

- February 8
 - Entry deadline, contest closes
- February 12 - 28
 - Judges receive category assignments, entries, log-in instructions, contest rules and category descriptions
 - Judges receive hard copy entries
- March 1
 - Judging starts
- April 5
 - Judging closes
 - Judges must select winners and enter comments for winning entries, completing all assignments by April 5, 2020. CMA and any assigned coordinator will assist judges in completing the award judging by deadline.

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SECTION 5: LOCATION

Judging is conducted through the online system provided by CMA.

When applicable, hard copy materials are mailed to the preferred location of each judge. Please include your mailing address on the participation form for payment and to receive applicable hard copy material. When applicable, CMA pays all expenses to deliver material to the judge.

SECTION 6: CONFIDENTIALITY/SERVICES FOR OTHERS

All information regarding the process and results must remain confidential until the CMA announces the winners at its annual Awards Banquet in June.

SECTION 7: JUDGING SERVICES

Judging the Student Journalism and Alumni Magazine Awards is on a volunteer-basis. Thank you for volunteering your time and expertise.

SECTION 8: INDEMNITY

CMA will hold harmless, defend and indemnify each judge against all liabilities and losses to the extent arising out of any claim of infringement of copyright or other intellectual property right and out of any negligent act of CPA in the performance of services; however, it shall be a condition to CMA's indemnification obligation that: 1) judges notify CMA promptly if it knows or suspects of any reason for any claim for indemnity hereunder; 2) CMA has sole control over the defense or settlement of any claim; and 3) judges shall cooperate as CMA may request with respect to such defense or settlement.

Questions:

Direct questions concerning the use of the software and any other elements of the program to cpaawards@catholicpress.org.