

# **2009 Nebraska AP News and Photo Contest Rules**

**Deadline: Friday, February 6, 2009**

## **Contest Period**

The contest period is from January 1, 2008 to December 31, 2008

## **Eligibility**

Any news story or photograph written or taken by a regular employee of a Nebraska AP member newspaper and published during the contest period shall be eligible for the contest.

## **Prizes**

First-place winners in each photo and writing category shall receive a \$50 cash award. In addition, winners of first, second, third and honorable mention will receive certificates.

## **Entry Deadlines**

\*Note the change this year. Entries must be shipped to the Sioux Falls AP bureau no later than **February 6, 2009**, to allow time for judging in another state.

## **Entry Guidelines**

Entries shall be tear sheets, PDFs or clippings of the stories and photos as published. Each entry should be in a separate folder or large envelope with the News and Photo Contest Entry Label attached to the outside of the folder or envelope.

\*Note: Original photos are NOT required for judging. Judging will be done from the tear sheet. Entries shall be judged as much as possible on the photo itself and not on the quality of newspaper reproduction.

## **Photo Judging Criteria**

- Difficulties encountered and the conditions under which the photographer worked.
- Dramatic quality achieved covering a story where unrehearsed action is obvious.
- Importance or interest of the story that the picture illustrates.
- Technical quality inherent to the photo. Quality of newspaper reproduction shall not be considered.

## **Please mail forms, payment and entries to:**

NEBRASKA AP EDITORIAL FUND  
The Associated Press  
330 North Main Avenue  
Sioux Falls, SD 57104

**Entry fees remain the same at \$8.00 per entry.**

Questions? Contact COB Tena Haraldson, [tharaldson@ap.org](mailto:tharaldson@ap.org), or Administrative Assistant Arlene Murphy, [amurphy@ap.org](mailto:amurphy@ap.org), or call Tena or Arlene at 800-952-9911.

Newspaper size divisions:

#### **DIVISION I**

Omaha  
Lincoln  
Grand Island  
Norfolk  
Scottsbluff  
North Platte  
Kearney  
Hastings

#### **DIVISION II**

Columbus  
Fremont  
Beatrice  
McCook  
York  
Alliance  
Sidney  
Holdrege

Newspapers in Division II have the option of entering in Division I if they wish. Division I may not enter in Division II.

#### **REPORTING AND WRITING**

- **Spot News** One day's coverage of a particular event.
- **Feature Story** Story or stories with sidebar(s) on topic of non-breaking nature.
- **Enterprise Story** or group of stories of investigative or unique nature that would have gone unreported without newspaper's effort on project.
- **Continuing Coverage** Group of stories on a continuing issue or story.
- **News Column** News or feature.
- **Sports Column** News or feature.
- **Sports Story** Spot sports story or feature.
- **Sports Enterprise** Story or group of stories of an investigative nature; series; special section or other non-deadline work.

#### **PHOTOGRAPHY**

- **Spot News Photo** Single photo from spontaneous, breaking event..
- **Feature** Single picture of non-breaking nature.
- **Photo Essay** Three or more pictures in a package.
- **Sports Action Photo** Spot photo of a sporting event.
- **Sports Feature Photo** Single photo of a feature nature.
- **Graphic** Single graphic on any topic

Each paper is allowed 24 entries in the writing division and 18 entries in the photos and graphics division, with no limit in an individual category. The entries must be from editions published between January 1, 2008 and December 31, 2008, inclusive.

#### **LAYOUT AND DESIGN**

Submit front page, sports page and any single inside page for each date. Up to four sets of pages are allowed – two dates of the newspaper's choice and two mandatory dates. The mandatory dates are: March 19, 2008, and October 1, 2008.

#### **WEBSITE**

Submit website URL, and a statement of no more than 250 words describing the site. Entry may contain the name of the webmaster.

#### **WRITING AND PHOTO CATEGORIES**

Entries should be tear sheets (photocopies permitted) or PDFs of the newspaper page to prove date of publication. Each entry should be marked with the contest category, the newspaper, the title of the entry and the names of those entering. Please make copies of the label form provided and affix to the outside of a file folder or envelope containing each entry.