

Associated Press Society of Ohio

2009 Annual Contest



What's New? We have replaced the Best Blogger category with a Best Blog category. The new category was changed to reflect the fact that newspaper blogs often are the work of several journalists at a newspaper—and thus should be a newspaper, rather than individual, award.

Mandatory Dates: The mandatory dates for the General Excellence/Page One Layout and Best Daily Sports Section categories are listed in the enclosed contest brochure. As a reminder, the entries for the General Excellence and Page One Layout categories must correspond to the dates in the General Excellence category: one mandatory date; one of three optional dates; and a third and fourth date chosen by the newspaper. You do not need to enter the same dates as your General Excellence .

Deadline: The deadline for entries is **5 p.m., Wednesday, Jan. 13, 2010**. Entries must be delivered – not merely postmarked – by that date.

Entry Forms: One entry form, which can be copied, is included in this packet. An electronic version of the form is also available at www.ap.org/ohio. In addition to submitting a form with each entry, include one master entry form listing the total number of entries your newspaper is submitting in each category.

Entry Fees: Entry fees have not been increased since last year.

Circulation: The circulation list on the back of the contest flier is based on the 2009 Editor & Publisher International Yearbook. Please review this carefully; several newspapers have moved into new circulation categories.

Judging and Awards: Professional journalists in another state will do the judging. First-place winners will receive plaques. Second-place, third-place and honorable mention winners will receive framed certificates.

Awards Luncheon: The awards will be presented at the annual APSO Awards Luncheon Sunday, May 2, 2010, at The Hilton Columbus Hotel at Easton. Registration materials for the awards lunch will be mailed in March.

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