

2007 Sponsored contests

The Virginia Press Association assists with the administration of three contests on behalf of their sponsoring organizations. These contests are judged separate from the VPA contests and winning entries do not earn sweepstakes points. The awards in these contests are given at the annual meeting of the sponsoring organization. All of the eligibility rules are the same as those of the VPA contest. However, duplication of entries between the core competitions and the sponsored contests is allowed. Duplication among the sponsored competitions is also allowed.

The deadline for entries is 4 p.m. on Monday, December 17, 2007. The competition year is from January 1, 2007, through December 17, 2007. Entries are submitted **in electronic format only**. Entries must be submitted on CD in either text (TXT) or Adobe Acrobat (PDF) format. At the top of each electronic entry, include the following information:

- Name of entrant
- Entrant's publication and location
- Category entered
- Over 40,000 or under 40,000 circulation
- Title of the entry

The entry must be accompanied by a signed entry form for each entry on the CD. Submit a separate CD for each contest entered; multiple entries in the same category may be on a single CD. Each member publication may submit up to four entries in each category. The entry form is the last page of this document.

The fee for each category is \$7 per entry. Each of these categories has separate competitions for publications with circulation greater than 40,000 and for publication with circulation of 40,000 or less.

The categories, their sponsoring organizations and the requirements:

Excellence in economic education reporting

Sponsored by **Virginia Council for Economic Education**

Excellence in economic education reporting -- Series of stories: For a series of articles or continuing coverage reflecting a consistent year of effort. Entries should promote a better understanding of economic principles and assist the general public in developing the skills needed to be responsible citizens, wise consumers, and effective participants in the economy. This category is intended to recognize originality and excellence in economic education reporting

Requirements: If the submission is an actual series, it must have begun or ended during the contest year but may not span more than 12 months. **Judging:** Performed by members of the sponsoring organization, assisted by one or more professional journalists not affiliated with the entering publications. **Competition:** One competition for publications with circulation greater than 40,000 and one for publications with circulation of 40,000 or less.

Excellence in economic education reporting – One-time special effort: Entries should promote a better understanding of economic principles and assist the general public in developing the skills needed to be responsible citizens, wise consumers, and effective participants in the economy. This category is intended to recognize originality and excellence in economic education reporting

Requirements: Submit all articles published as part of the one-time effort. **Judging:** Performed by members of the sponsoring organization, assisted by one or more professional journalists not affiliated with the entering publications. **Competition:** One competition for publications with circulation greater than 40,000 and one for publications with circulation of 40,000 or less.

Journalism in the field of law and justice

Sponsored by the **Virginia Bar Association**

Journalism in the field of law and justice: The award is to recognize articles that foster greater public understanding of the inherent values of the American legal and judicial system; inform and educate citizens as to roles in society of the law, the courts, law enforcement agencies and the legal profession; disclose practices or procedures needing correction or reform so as to encourage and promote efforts to improve laws and administration of justice; and aid the legal profession and judiciary in attaining the goals set by the Model Rules of Professional Conduct and the Code of Judicial Conduct. **Requirements:** A single entry consists of at least five but no more than 10 individual stories; OR a series of at least six stories on a single topic; OR at least five individual stories and a series of no more than five stories on a single topic. A series must have begun or ended during the contest year but may not span more than 12 months. **Note:** Entries may include up to three letters of endorsement from community leaders or members of the legal community. These letters may not exceed one page in length. **Judging:** Performed by members of the sponsoring organization, assisted by one or more professional journalists not affiliated with the entering publications. **Competition:** One competition for publications with circulation greater than 40,000 and one for publications with circulation of 40,000 or less.

Excellence in real estate reporting

Sponsored by the **Virginia Association of REALTORS®**

Excellence in real estate reporting -- Series of stories: For a series of articles or continuing coverage reflecting a consistent year of effort. Entries should promote a better understanding of the real estate industry. This category is intended to recognize originality and excellence in real estate reporting. **Requirements:** If the submission is an actual series, it must have begun or ended during the contest year but may not span more than 12 months. **Judging:** Performed by members of the sponsoring organization, assisted by one or more professional journalists not affiliated with the entering publications. **Competition:** One competition for publications with circulation greater than 40,000 and one for publications with circulation of 40,000 or less.

Excellence in real estate reporting -- One-time special effort: Entries should promote a better understanding of the real estate industry. This category is intended to recognize originality and excellence in real estate reporting. **Requirements:** Submit all articles published as part of the one-time effort. **Judging:** Performed by members of the sponsoring organization, assisted by one or more professional journalists not affiliated with the entering publications. **Competition:** One competition for publications with circulation greater than 40,000 and one for publications with circulation of 40,000 or less.

Entry form for sponsored contests – 2007

Check one	Category name
	Excellence of economic education reporting – series of stories
	Excellence of economic education reporting – one-time special effort
	Journalism in the field of law and justice
	Excellence of real estate reporting – series of stories
	Excellence of real estate reporting – one-time special effort
Check one	Competition group
	Circulation less than 40,000 per issue
	Circulation of 40,000 or more per issue

Entrant(s) name(s) _____

Publication and city _____

We hereby affirm that we have taken reasonable steps to ensure:

- 1 That the attached entry represents the original efforts of the entrant(s) named thereon.
- 2 That the entrants are eligible to participate in this contest.
- 3 That each piece of work in the attached entry is presented exactly as published and there has been no post-publication editing, correction, enhancement, deletion or other modification of the content.
- 4 That all published corrections, clarifications and retractions have been included as part of the entry package.

Signature of entrant(s) _____

Signature of editor _____

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