

Vermont Press Association Awards

2015-16 and 2016-17

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GENERAL RULES

1. Stories that appeared only on a newspaper's website but not in print MAY be entered in any category.
2. All entries will be PDF files uploaded to the VPA Dropbox account (see links within the individual categories below), using the naming conventions specified in each category.
3. With the exception of the Donoghue and Photography Awards, entrants should be full-time reporters or regular correspondents with a newspaper circulating in Vermont. Student newspaper entrants shall be regular members of the editorial staff.
4. Newspapers may submit only those stories that have been published in their newspapers or on their websites. In other words, no newspaper may submit the work of a new hire if the work was originally published by the journalist's previous employer.
5. There may be three place awards (first, second and third) in each category, with the exception of the Mavis Doyle and Rookie Reporter Awards, for which there will likely be only one winner. Judges retain the right to award all or none of the three places in each category, depending upon their evaluation of entries.
6. Judges retain the right to disqualify entries entered in incorrect categories.
7. All entries must be clearly marked with the category and the date published.
8. All newspapers shall submit a \$65 entry fee along with \$5 for each entry submitted in each category. (\$10 for General Excellence and \$10 for Website awards.)
9. No newspaper may submit more than the noted limit for entries in each award category. Submitting more than the maximum numbers of entries subjects the entire entry to disqualification.
10. All participating organizations must be eligible for regular membership in the Vermont Press Association.
11. If you send full pages, you must include an index for judges so that they can determine which articles to judge. See awards descriptions for details on indexes.
12. Winners are announced at the annual banquet. All journalists with submissions are encouraged to attend the publicly announced VPA banquet. Individual winners should not expect advance notice or special invitation to the banquet.
13. Entries are submitted in the name of the newspaper. Extra copies of awards may be purchased from the VPA.
14. Failure to follow these rules will result in disqualification.

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