Associated Collegiate Press Individual Contest Rules

Deadline: *all entries must be received by* June 6, 2014

Late entries will not be accepted.

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ACP has a single entry form for its six individual awards contests. The information directly below applies to all contests, followed by specific information for each contest. Be sure to read all applicable rules before entering any contests, as there are changes from previous years.

Rules for all contests:

Any student on the staff of an ACP member publication is eligible to enter these contests. There is no entry fee. Per-category (but not per-person) limits apply to each contest; for example, in the case of a two-entry-per-category limit, a publication may enter two entries by the same student or one entry each from two different students. ACP recommends having the editor or adviser of a publication work together with staff members to decide which work will be chosen to represent their publication in the contests.

The entry must have been published in an ACP member publication, in print or online, between June 2, 2013 and June 1, 2014. **The publication's ACP membership must be current as of June 6, 2014, the contest deadline, to be accepted into any contest.** If your membership is not current, ACP recommends downloading a membership form or renewing online at acp.studentpress.org (look in the right column, under Form Central) and submitting your renewed membership in the same envelope with your publication's contest entries. To check membership status, visit acp.studentpress.org/membership.html. Non-members will be billed for membership.

Entries will be judged by working professional journalists or other professionals with experience and expertise in the area of each particular contest.

Winners will be honored at the ACP/CMA National College Media Convention in Philadelphia, Oct. 30-Nov. 2, 2014. Winners will be notified by mail or email about one month prior to the start of the convention. Those unable to attend will receive their award in the mail. ACP also recognizes winners in its publications and on its website. ACP reserves the right to publish the entrants' work in its print and online publications.

Entering online:

All Individual Award contest categories are submitted online. Go to **http://acpcontests.studentpress.org**, choose a contest/category to enter, read the contest rules and follow the instructions to upload your entries as digital files in either JPEG or PDF format (JPEG only for Photo Excellence). For the multimedia categories of Story of the Year, use the form to submit a URL for the content being entered. Entrants will receive a confirmation email after each entry is received and verified by ACP. Please email any questions or problems with the online form to contests@ studentpress.org.

File size/quality: When converting images to JPEG from TIFF or other file type, set image quality to the highest setting (largest file size, least compression). PDFs should be generated at the highest possible quality (e.g. Press Quality or PDF/X-4) to ensure fidelity with the printed page. All files should be kept under 20 MB, keeping in mind that such large files can take several minutes each to upload to ACP.

2014 ACP Story of the Year Awards

The Deadline Club (the New York City chapter of the Society of Professional Journalists) and Associated Collegiate Press are co-sponsoring the 2014 ACP Story of the Year contest. The contest recognizes leadership, quality writing, sensitivity and fairness and initiative in original reporting of a situation, problem or issue affecting students.

Awards must be submitted online by uploading digital files at the following URL: http://acpcontests.studentpress. org. Entries will not be accepted by mail. Entrants will be asked to provide their stories in JPEG format, color or black-and-white. If converting to JPEG from TIFF or other file type, set image quality to the highest setting (least compression, largest file size).

The story may have been written by more than one person. All entries must consist of one article only. A series of articles will not be accepted. There is a limit of one entry per category for each member publication in the print categories: News, Feature, Sports, Diversity and Editorial. Enterprise reporting is encouraged for work in the Diversity category.

Multimedia Story of the Year: Multimedia stories must utilize at least two of the following elements: Text, audio, video, photos or interactive components such as a map or a timeline. To enter in these categories, submit a URL using the online form at http://acpcontests.studentpress.org where the content can be accessed using a Web browser. If the package will no longer be available online during the summer, contact ACP at contests@ studentpress.org for alternate arrangements. Inactive URLs will be disqualified if arrangements are not made. There is a limit of two entries per category for each member publication in the multimedia categories: News, Feature, Sports and Photo Slideshow. More information about individual contest categories is available at the online contest entry page.

2014 ACP Reporter of the Year Awards

MCT **campus** The Associated Collegiate Press Reporter of the Year contest honors sustained individual excellence in student journalism at both two-year and four-year college newspapers. The four-year contest is co-sponsored by MCT Campus. Cash prizes will be awarded to the top three winning reporters in each category.

Any reporter enrolled as a full-time student for the 2013-2014 school year and working on the staff of an ACP member newspaper is eligible to enter. Only one student from each news publication (print or online) may enter the contest.

How to enter: *Select your three best stories, create one jpeg of them and upload the digital file at the following URL: http://acpcontests.studentpress.org.* Entries will not be accepted by mail. Entrants will be asked to provide their digital images in JPEG format, color or black-and-white. If converting to JPEG from TIFF or other file type, set image quality to the highest setting (least compression, largest file size).

The stories must be the work of one reporter, with the exception that one of the three stories may be published under a shared byline. The stories may be of any length.

2014 ACP Photo Excellence Awards

The National Press Photographers Association and Associated Collegiate Press are co-sponsoring the 2014 ACP Photo Excellence Awards competition.

All entries for the Photo Excellence Awards must be submitted online by uploading digital files at the following URL: http://acpcontests.studentpress. org. Entries will not be accepted by mail. Entrants will be asked to provide their digital images in JPEG format, color or black-and-white. If converting to JPEG from TIFF or other file type, set image quality to the highest setting (least compression, largest file size). See "Online entries" above for further details.

Contest categories are News Picture, Spot News Picture, Feature Picture, Sports Picture and Environmental Portrait. There is a limit of two entries per category for each publication. Picture stories can now be entered in the Photo Slideshow category of the Multimedia Story of the Year contest (see above). More information about individual contest categories is available at the online contest entry page.

2013 ACP Design of the Year Awards

Adobe Adobe Systems Incorporated, providers of the tools of desktop design, InDesign, Illustrator and Photoshop, are co-sponsoring the 2013 Design of the Year competition with the Associated Collegiate Press.

All entries for the Design of the Year Awards must be submitted online by uploading digital files at the following URL: http://acpcontests.studentpress. org. Entries will not be accepted by mail. Entrants will be asked to provide their pages/spreads in PDF or JPEG format (PDF preferred), color or black-and-white. See "Online entries" above for further details.

Contest categories are Newspaper Page One, Newspaper Page/ Spread, Newsmagazine/Newspaper Special Section Cover, Yearbook/Magazine Page/Spread, Infographic and Illustration. There is a limit of one entry per category per publication. Spread entries must cover a single story or a package of stories relating to a single topic and be no more than two pages. Newspaper Page/ Spread is open to section fronts and inside pages/spreads, but not Page Ones, which have their own category. More information about individual contest categories is available at the online contest entry page.

First place winners in each category will receive a prize of Adobe software.

2014 ACP Cartooning Awards

Universal Uclick Universal Uclick and Associated Collegiate Press are co-sponsoring the 2014 ACP Cartooning Awards. Entries will be judged by Universal Uclick, the contest sponsor.

All entries must be the work of one student. All art must be original.

All entries for the Cartooning Awards must be submitted online by uploading digital files at the following URL: http://acpcontests.studentpress.org. Entries will not be accepted by mail. Entrants will be asked to provide their creations in PDF or JPEG format, color or black-and-white. See "Online entries" above for further details.

Contest categories are Editorial Cartoon and Comic Panel/Strip. There is a limit of two entries per category for each publication. More information about individual contest categories is available at the online contest entry page.

2014 ACP Advertising Awards

Entries in the 2014 Associated Collegiate Press Advertising Awards will be judged by professionals in the advertising industry.

Online entry categories: *Entries for the Display Ad, House Ad and Ad Campaign categories must be submitted online by uploading digital files at the following URL: http://acpcontests.studentpress.org.* Entries will not be accepted by mail for these categories. Entrants will be asked to provide their creations in PDF or JPEG format, color or black-and-white. See "Online entries" above for further details. There is a limit of two entries per category for each publication in these categories, which are open to all publications. More information about individual contest categories is available at the online contest entry page.