



Announcing the 27th Annual Robert L. Vann Media Awards

PURPOSE

In 1983, the Pittsburgh Black Media Federation established the Robert L. Vann Media Awards to honor excellence in journalism coverage of the African-American community.

ELIGIBILITY

The contest is open to all communicators for newspapers, magazines, wire services, websites, radio and television stations in Western Pennsylvania.

RULES

1. All entries must have been published in a newspaper/magazine or aired on radio or television between January 1, 2009 through December 31, 2009.
2. Two copies of each entry must be received by the contest coordinators by March 15, 2010. Entries that miss the deadline will be disqualified.
3. Contest fees are \$40.00 per entry. An individual or organization may submit multiple entries in each category. One check may cover the entries. Entries without an accompanying fee will not be accepted.
4. All entries become the property of the Pittsburgh Black Media Federation. Do not send irreplaceable materials. Where possible, please include broadcast/audio tape or DVD.
5. Each entry should be separately packaged, with the category and sub-category printed on the outside. Entry fee checks should be made payable to the Pittsburgh Black Media Federation (PBMF) and should be in a separate envelope with the completed entry form inside the mailed package.
6. Send all entries and fees to:
PBMF, Robert L. Vann Media Awards
Ervin Dyer, Pitt Magazine
400 Craig Hall, 200 South Craig Street
Pittsburgh, Pa., 15260
For more information, please call Debbie Todd at 412-263-1652.

DISQUALIFICATIONS

Entries that do not meet the specifications outlined in this call-for-entry form will be disqualified. PBMF reserves the right to re-categorize entries. Entrants will be notified that a category correction has been made.

JUDGING

Materials submitted will be judged by a panel of recognized journalism professionals selected by PBMF. One award will be made in each sub-category where judges find merit. Decisions are final. The judges may elect not to give an award in a category.

All prize-winning entries become the property of the Pittsburgh Black Media Federation. PBMF does not assume responsibility for receipt of entries or damage for loss in transit for judging.

CATEGORIES

PRINT AND ILLUSTRATION/GRAPHICS

Newspapers, wire services, websites or magazines

All entries must be neatly posted on 8.5-inch x11-inch white paper. In a digital age, stories, images, graphics can be downloaded from websites. If that is the case, editors must verify the original date of publication. If the organization prefers, stories, photos, images, graphics can be cut from newspapers/magazines and pasted to 8.5 inch x 11 inch paper. Place entries in folder with the completed entry form.

BROADCAST

Television/radio/webcast

All entries should be made either in the name of the station or the individuals most responsible for the entry, e.g. writer, reporter, or producer. ALL ENTRIES MUST HAVE BEEN BROADCAST on posted on WEBSITES where they were part of news content. In the case of entries involving the work of more than one person, please indicate the name of the person(s) or the office or department to which an award should be presented. Please submit with the following with each video or audiotape:

- A. A summary of the program and its local significance
- B. A complete script as broadcast, if possible
- C. All entries must be on DVD or CD and clearly identified with station and entry category

SUB-CATEGORIES

All entries for PRINT or BROADCAST must be in one of these sub-categories:

<i>Editorial/Documentary Column</i>	<i>News Feature</i>
<i>Feature Story</i>	<i>Public Affairs</i>
<i>Series</i>	<i>Spot News Story</i>
<i>Investigative/Enterprise</i>	<i>Sports/Sports Features</i>
<i>Business News</i>	<i>Art/Illustration</i>
	<i>Business Feature</i>

PHOTOGRAPHY/ILLUSTRATION

Photo entries must be an 8 inch x 11 inch glossy print that has been published. Illustration entries must be mounted on 8 inch x 11 inch board. Both must include a cutline, if applicable, date of publication and the name and affiliations of the photographer or illustrator must be attached to the back of the print.

Sub-Categories

All entries for PHOTOGRAPHY must be in one of these sub-categories:

<i>Feature Photo</i>	<i>Sports Photo</i>
<i>Picture Story</i>	<i>News Photo</i>

ENTRY FORM

ROBERT L. VANN MEDIA AWARDS - ENTRY FORM

Please print or type

Name _____

Title of Entry _____ Date of Publication/Broadcast _____

Category _____ Sub-Category _____

Organization/Station _____

Address _____

Telephone _____ Email _____

Please list names exactly as they should appear on the awards _____
