



2009 INNOCENCE NETWORK JOURNALISM AWARD

The Innocence Network Journalism Award was created to honor investigative reporting that brings to life the process of identifying and exonerating wrongfully convicted individuals. The winner of the award will be an article, program or series that in discussing wrongful convictions:

- best demonstrates the failures and successes of the criminal justice system;
- provides the best account of the plight of the wrongfully convicted, whether while in prison or after they are released; and/or
- best highlights the reforms needed and, where appropriate, the ways in which the public can take action to improve the criminal justice system.

CRITERIA FOR CONSIDERATION

1. Submissions may consist of a single story or a series (two or more related stories) published in a newspaper, magazine, online news outlet, or on television or radio. Documentary films will also be accepted.
2. Entries may be submitted by the story writer or story writing team, or by any other person with the approval of the story writer or team.
3. Only one entry by or on behalf of each story writer or team will be considered.
4. Entries must be submitted in English or with a translation into English.
5. Only original work published between January 1, 2009 and December 31, 2009 will be considered. For a series submission, one segment of the series must have been published in this time period. For a documentary film, the film must have been at a film festival, in theaters or on television in this time period.
6. Submitted stories or series must focus on issues related to wrongful convictions.
7. All submissions must also include a completed Nomination Certification and Acceptance Form providing consent for submission. The form must be executed by each journalist credited for the piece as well as by any submitter(s) who compiled the materials for consideration.
8. Entries will be retained by the Innocence Network and may be cited to or displayed at Innocence Network events. No materials will be returned.
9. Entries must be submitted/postmarked by January 8, 2010, midnight. No entries will be accepted after that time.
10. Please provide ten copies of each submission.
 - Newspaper or magazine submissions should be sent with at least one submission in original format. The remaining nine submissions may be copies.
 - Online materials should be printed on 8.5"x11' white paper.
 - Television reports, radio reports and films should be submitted on DVD or CD-ROM.
11. All submissions should be sent with the application/nomination form (printed on 8.5"x11' white paper) to:
Innocence Network Journalism Award
c/o Jodi Shorr
Ohio Innocence Project
College of Law
University of Cincinnati
Clifton Ave. at Calhoun St.
Cincinnati, OH 45221-0040

The entries will be screened by a committee of the Innocence Network Board of Directors, and five finalists will be submitted to a jury of nationally respected journalist. The jury will choose the winner(s). The members of the jury will be announced at a later date.

The winner will receive a plaque, certificate or other acknowledgement at the annual Innocence Network Conference, April 16-18, 2010 in Atlanta, GA. If the winner is comprised of a team, each team member will receive a plaque or certificate. The winner will have his or her expenses paid to attend the awards ceremony at the INNOCENCE NETWORK Conference in Atlanta, and may, at the Board's discretion, be required to be present at the awards ceremony in order to receive the award. If the winner is a team, only one member of the team will receive his or her expenses paid to attend the awards ceremony.

Any questions about the award criteria or application should be directed to: Jodi Shorr, Ohio Innocence Project, (513) 556-0752, networkawards@gmail.com.

THE INNOCENCE NETWORK

2009 JOURNALISM APPLICATION FORM

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Please submit all materials (Application Form, Nomination Certification and Acceptance Form, ten copies of submission (with at least one being an original), and letter to Awards Committee) in one packet to: Innocence Network Journalism Award, c/o Jodi Shorr, Ohio Innocence Project, College of Law, University of Cincinnati, Corner of Clifton and Calhoun, Cincinnati, Ohio 45221-0040

Application Deadline: January 8, 2010

Title of Entry: _____

Journalist(s): _____

Mode (✓ Check Appropriate) :

Newspaper: ___ Magazine: ___ Online: ___ Television: ___ Radio: ___ Film: ___

Media Outlet Name: _____

Single Story: _____ Series: _____

Publication/Premiere/Air Date(s): _____

Nomination submitted by: Journalist: _____ Nominator: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

If not submitted by journalist, please provide contact information for journalist:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

Person to be contacted for follow-up, including awards notification, awards applications, etc.:

Name: _____

Phone: _____

***In a separate letter to the Innocence Network Journalism Awards Committee, please explain why the submission should be considered for the 2009 Innocence Network Journalism Award. Also, please note any individuals who may have contributed to the story who have not already been noted.**



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NOMINATION CERTIFICATION AND ACCEPTANCE FORM**

To be completed by the Submitter/Nominator:

I, _____, certify that, to the best of my knowledge, the information included in the attached submission materials and application packet for the 2009 Innocence Network Journalism Award is accurate and truthful. Further, I certify that the piece being submitted for consideration was published between January 1, 2009 and December 31, 2009. For a series, I certify that one segment of the series was published in this time period. For television, radio or film, I certify that the piece premiered or first aired in this time period. I also understand that all materials submitted for consideration for this award will be retained by the Innocence Network and may be cited to or displayed at Innocence Network events.

Signature of Submitting Journalist:

Signature of Submitter (if applicable):

Name (Printed)

Name (Printed)

Date

Date

If more than one journalist was cited in the piece's byline (or in other, comparable locations for non-print media), each journalist must sign below:

Signature of Journalist:

Signature of Journalist:

Name (Printed)

Name (Printed)

Date

Date