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Entries**

Announcing the

# **Philip Meyer Journalism Award**

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**The contest recognizes the best journalism done  
using social science research methods.**

All entries are placed  
in IRE's Resource Center story  
library so IRE members can learn  
from others' triumphs and troubles.

**POSTMARK DEADLINE: October 31, 2008**

**Deadline for Entering the Philip Meyer Journalism Awards:**

Entries must be **postmarked** by **October 31, 2008**

**Entry Fees:** (Membership must be current through Nov. 1, 2008)

Payment **MUST** accompany entry form.

\$50 per entry for current IRE members

\$110 per entry for nonmembers (includes one-year IRE membership)

\$25 per entry for nonmember students (includes one-year IRE student membership)

Free for students who are current IRE members!

Fees are not refundable

**Contest Period**

All work must have been published or aired between October 1, 2007 and September 30, 2008.

**Awards:**

The awards include cash prizes: \$500 for first, \$300 for second, and \$200 for third.

**Number of Entries Allowed:**

There is no limit on the number of entries you may submit, or the number of stories (in a series) you may submit per entry.

**Entry Language:**

We accept entries in all languages but require three (3) complete hard copies of English translations for each entry.

**Where to send entries:**

Return this form with your entry, completed in compliance with the rules, to:

2008 Philip Meyer Journalism Award

138 Neff Annex

Missouri School of Journalism

Columbia, MO 65211

**Disqualifications:**

Entries that fail to comply with these rules will be subject to disqualification.

**Still Have Questions?**

Please check the Frequently Asked Questions online at [www.ire.org/meyeraward/meyerFAQ.html](http://www.ire.org/meyeraward/meyerFAQ.html) and if you still have questions call the Resource Center at 573-882-6668 or e-mail [rescntr@ire.org](mailto:rescntr@ire.org) for assistance.

**Keep packets simple.** Excess packaging will be discarded. Please do not go to the extra work of putting your entry in a binder, notebook, etc. because it will be discarded before it reaches the judges. Each entry must include the entry fee and one (1) electronic copy of the completed questionnaire on a CD.

### **Print Entries:**

You must submit three (3) collated entry packets. Each packet must contain a completed entry form, a completed questionnaire and a copy of the entry. The entry must be on 8.5" x 11" paper. In addition to the three (3) packets, we ask that you submit one (1) electronic copy of the questionnaire on CD. Please place all the materials in an envelope or folder and write the title of the entry on the outside. Please include entry fee payment with your packet. **DO NOT send payment under separate cover.**

### **TV Entries:**

You must submit three (3) collated entry packets. Each packet must contain a completed entry form, a completed questionnaire, a transcript on 8.5" x 11" paper and a VHS or DVD copy of the entry. Please label all three (3) DVDs with the entry name, affiliation and running-time. In addition to the three (3) packets, we ask that you submit one (1) electronic copy of the questionnaire on CD. Please include entry fee payment with your packet. **DO NOT send payment under separate cover.**

### **Radio Entries:**

You must submit three (3) collated entry packets. Each packet must contain a completed entry form, a completed questionnaire, a transcript on 8.5" x 11" paper and an audio CD copy of the entry. Please label all three (3) CDs with the entry name, affiliation and running-time. In addition to the three (3) packets, we ask that you submit one (1) electronic copy of the questionnaire on a separate CD. Please include entry fee payment with your packet. **DO NOT send payment under separate cover.**

### **Book Entries:**

You must submit three (3) collated entry packets. Each packet must contain a completed entry form, a completed questionnaire and a copy of the book. In addition to the three (3) packets, we ask that you submit one (1) electronic copy of the questionnaire on a CD. Please include entry fee payment with your packet. **DO NOT send payment under separate cover.**

### **Online Entries:**

You must submit three (3) collated entry packets. Each packet must contain a completed entry form, a completed questionnaire, and a printed copy of the online Web pages, which must include the sites URL. You must also include a CD containing the Web pages if they cannot be easily accessed online by our judges. The printed entry must be on 8.5" x 11" paper. Cutting and pasting the entry to 8.5" x 11" is acceptable. In addition to the three (3) packets, we ask that you submit one (1) electronic copy of the questionnaire on a CD. Please include entry fee payment with your packet. **DO NOT send payment under separate cover.**

# Official Entry Form

(Check entry fee)

### Member

- \$50 entry fee (current IRE member)  
 Free entry (current student member)

### Nonmember

- \$110 entry fee (professional Non-IRE member)  
 \$25 entry fee (student Non-member)

**NONMEMBER INFO:** you must designate one of the contributing reporters listed below to receive a one-year membership. Provide all contact information (Please type or print clearly.)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

News Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Fax Number: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

## Authorized Signature

By entering this contest, you and your news organization grant IRE permission to use the entry, including the information on this form and the questionnaire, for educational purposes. Such uses may include: 1) print, video or online resources, 2) IRE compilations, feeds or award tapes and 3) streaming video from IRE's Web site. The **authorized signature** of at least one entrant or the contest coordinator, by and/or on behalf of the respective news organization, is **required** for contest entry.

Authorized Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

### To be completed by the person submitting the entry. (Please type or print clearly.)

Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_

News Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax Number: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Title of Entry: \_\_\_\_\_ Run-time of audio/TV entry: \_\_\_\_\_

**Reporters involved in effort:** List significant contributors in the order they should appear on plaques or certificates. If the entry is named a winner, only those people listed here will be entered into our official records. Check the box next to the contributor if s/he is a current IRE member. Attach an additional sheet if necessary.

	NAME	TITLE	MEMBER
1.	_____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>
2.	_____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>
3.	_____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>
4.	_____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>
5.	_____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>

Payment may be made by personal or company check payable to IRE, or by credit card. Please complete the section below regarding your payment method. Please include payment with entry. **DO NOT send payment under separate cover.**

AmEx  Discover  VISA  MC  Card Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Check  Check Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Exp. Date \_\_\_\_\_ Authorized Signature \_\_\_\_\_

# Questionnaire

Use another sheet (or sheets) to answer the following questions, using the numbering of each question on the form. You must include one (1) electronic copy of your answers on a CD.

An electronic version of the questionnaire is available online at [www.ire.org/meyeraward](http://www.ire.org/meyeraward)

1. Title of story, collection of stories, or series and names of the people who worked on the story.
2. Date(s) published or aired.
3. Topic and synopsis of story or series, including major findings.
4. How the story got started (tip, assignment, etc.)
5. Major types of documents used and if FOI requests were needed. Did you have difficulties obtaining any electronic information you used? How did you resolve this? Did you use FOIA for data under state or federal law?
6. Major types of human sources used.
7. Result (if any).
8. Follow-up (if any). Have you run a correction or clarification of the report or has anyone come forward to challenge its accuracy? If so, please explain.
9. Advice to other journalists planning similar projects.
10. Difficulty, uniqueness of effort, or other special circumstance related to this subject.
11. Length of time taken to report, write and edit the story.
12. a.) Describe in detail the social science research method(s) used.  
b.) How did you verify the results of the method(s) you used?  
c.) How did the results of those methods inform your reporting and writing?  
d.) Did you seek significant help from social scientists outside your newsroom? Describe their involvement.

Judging will be completed by the end of December 2008.  
Winners will be notified and a list posted at [www.ire.org](http://www.ire.org)

# Checklist for Entries

## YOU MUST INCLUDE ENTRY FEE WITH YOUR SUBMISSION.

### PRINT ENTRIES:

- One (1) electronic copy of the questionnaire on CD. Please label with title and affiliation.
- Entry fee
- Three (3) collated packets, each containing:
  - Completed entry form (Be sure entry form includes authorized signature.)
  - Completed questionnaire
  - Copy of the entry on 8.5" x 11" paper

Please place the three (3) packets in an envelope or folder with the name of entry written on the outside.

**NEW:** Electronically prepared entries will be accepted. They must be printed on 8.5" x 11" paper and the font may NOT be smaller than original newsprint. (No PDF reductions of full newspaper pages.)

### TV ENTRIES:

- One (1) electronic copy of the questionnaire on CD. Please label with title and affiliation.
- Entry fee
- Three (3) collated packets, each containing:
  - Completed entry form (Be sure entry form includes authorized signature.)
  - Completed questionnaire
  - Transcript on 8.5" x 11" paper
  - Labeled DVD copy of the entry

Please label all three (3) DVDs with the entry name, affiliation and run-time of story(ies).

### RADIO ENTRIES:

- One (1) electronic copy of the questionnaire on CD. Please label with title and affiliation.
- Entry fee
- Three (3) collated packets, each containing:
  - Completed entry form (Be sure entry form includes authorized signature.)
  - Completed questionnaire
  - Transcript on 8.5" x 11" paper
  - Labeled audio CD copy of the entry

Please label all (3) CDs with the entry name, affiliation and run-time of story(ies).

### BOOK ENTRIES:

- One (1) electronic copy of the questionnaire on CD. Please label with title and affiliation.
- Entry fee
- Three (3) collated packets, each containing:
  - Completed entry form (Be sure entry form includes authorized signature.)
  - Completed questionnaire
  - Copy of the book

Please attach entry name and affiliation to all three (3) books.

### ONLINE ENTRIES:

- One (1) electronic copy of the questionnaire on CD. Please label with title and affiliation.
- Entry fee
- Three (3) collated packets, each containing:
  - Completed entry form (Be sure entry form includes authorized signature.)
  - Completed questionnaire
  - Printed copy of the Web pages that includes the site's URL on 8.5" x 11" paper. Cutting and pasting the entry onto 8.5" x 11" paper is acceptable.
  - CD containing the Web pages if they can't easily be accessed online.

Please label all three (3) CDs with the entry name and affiliation.