



Egan AWARD 2009 FOR JOURNALISTIC EXCELLENCE

WIN A TRIP OVERSEAS

Witness firsthand the work of Catholic Relief Services

Submission Deadline:
Wednesday, April 15, 2009



Established in 1996, the Egan Award for Journalistic Excellence was created by Catholic Relief Services (CRS) to recognize journalists and photographers who demonstrate excellence in reporting on international humanitarian and social justice issues. The award was named after Eileen Egan, CRS' first professional staff layperson, who devoted four decades of her life to assisting refugees and helping the poor in Europe, Asia and Latin America.

The awards are judged by an expert panel of journalists from the secular media. Winners will be awarded a trophy and an all-expense paid trip overseas to witness firsthand the work of CRS.

SUBMISSION CRITERIA

General Rules:

- Journalists are limited to one entry per division. Entries in other divisions are allowed.
- All submissions must include the following:
 - A completed entry form for each submission.
 - Original or clear copies of the articles and the publication's masthead.
 - If available, a link to your article on your publication's website, **in addition to paper materials.**
- Send entries to:** Jen Hardy, Communications Coordinator, Catholic Relief Services, 228 West Lexington Street, Baltimore, MD 21201-3413. **No e-mailed or faxed submissions will be accepted.**
- Entries must be placed into standard letter-size manila folders and postmarked by Wednesday, April 15, 2009. **We recommend using Certified Mail/Return Receipt Requested.**

Enter according to the following Divisions:

- A: National Circulation
- B: Regional/Local Circulation Above 35,000
- C: Regional/Local Circulation Below 35,000

Guidelines:

- Submissions must have appeared in a Catholic publication in 2008 only.

- There is no word limit in any category. Unlimited entries per publication are allowed.
- Multiple bylined stories are allowed under the following conditions:
 - Writers will forfeit a second, individual entry in that division.
 - Writers may still enter individually in other divisions.
 - All journalists of a bylined story will be awarded.

Judging Criteria:

- An internal CRS committee will judge each entry using the following criteria:
 - Clearly identifying a humanitarian issue and/or cause
 - Educating the reader on this issue/cause
 - Originality and creativity
- A panel of judges composed of journalists from the secular media will evaluate the top three entries of each division based on the same criteria.

RECOGNITION OF WINNERS

- Awards will be announced to Catholic press across the United States and through advertising in the winner's publication.
- All winners will receive a trophy and an all-expense paid trip overseas to visit one of CRS' field programs.

THE FINE PRINT

The decision of the judges is final. CRS reserves the right not to award a prize. Winners will be notified when the overseas trip will take place; winners must participate at that time or forfeit the overseas prize. In order to participate in the overseas trip, winners must sign liability waivers releasing CRS and/or its affiliates from any and all responsibility pertaining to hazards experienced while traveling. CRS has the right to change the destination of the international trip at its discretion. The overseas destination will be based upon CRS programs and current world events.

By submitting an entry to CRS for the Egan Award for Journalistic Excellence competition, you grant CRS and its current and future affiliates the right to

republish the entry (including text, graphics, art, photography, video, audio and any other elements) in any and all media in connection with the competition without compensation. By submitting this entry, you further represent that the entry is original work and that you have the right to submit the work as an entry in the Egan Award for Journalistic Excellence competition. Entries will not be returned.

The following submissions are ineligible:

- Submissions generated while under contract with CRS
- Content depicting past Egan Award trips
- Stories focusing exclusively on CRS

ENTRY FORM (attach to each entry)

author _____

e-mail address _____

work phone _____

other phone _____

work street address _____

city _____ state _____ zip _____

publication name _____

article headline _____

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For more information, additional entry forms and to read previous winning materials, visit www.crs.org/newsroom/egan-award.



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