

CHANGES FOR 2024 – please read before submitting entries.

Please read the following information carefully before proceeding to submit your entries.

1) Best Overall Newspaper Award A1

The Best Overall Newspaper Award will no longer be awarded based on a judgement by an individual judge or panel. Rather, for 2024, a point system will be used to determine the recipient. The winner will be selected according to the tallied points of the 8 other best overall category winners (A2-A9). The recipient of Best Overall Newspaper will be the publication with the highest score of this category.

YOU NO LONGER NEED TO SEND IN HARD COPIES FOR THIS AWARD.

2) French Language categories (Best French-language Editorial/Column B14 & Best French-language News Story B13)

These two awards will be on pause for 2024 due to low entries in this category. Please speak with the QCNA contest administrator if you have any questions or concerns about this change.

3) Two NEW awards for 2024

Best Nature/Environmental Award B27

Judged on quality, composition, originality, and impact. Images may not be digitally altered beyond the traditional lightening, darkening and color balancing. Content must be of nature/environmental impact and clearly reflect this in the image.

Best Contributed Award B28

Awarded to an individual from the community (outside the newsroom) who has contributed the best UNPAID, PUBLISHED photo to an edition within the contest year. The winner will be invited to join us (free of charge) as a special guest at our Awards Gala and presented with a certificate. We encourage publications to use this award as an ongoing promotion in member papers to encourage community participation.

4) Joan Durnin Outstanding Salesperson Award, Lindsay Crysler Outstanding Achievement Award & Correspondent Award

For 2024, you will now be able to nominate individuals outside of your own publication/newsroom for these awards, not solely from your own team.

5) Special Award - The Egbert Gaye Dare to Make a Difference Award

In honor of publisher Egbert Gaye, This award will be presented to the publication, journalist, editor, manager, or any other professional in community media who has dared to make a difference in their community.

6) Payment for Entries - NEW

The QCNA will provide each participant/publication with an invoice for the entries they have submitted after the January 22, 2024 deadline for entries. The invoice will contain a link to manually make your payment via credit card (VISA, MASTERCARD accepted). You may still submit a cheque to our office, should you prefer.

The deadline for all entries is Monday January 22, 2024 at Midnight.