

Writing Contest Frequently Asked Questions

Q: I wrote a story after last year's deadline. Can I submit it now?

A: Yes. Anything published between the deadline last year (May 16, 2009) and this year's deadline (May 21, 2010) is eligible for entry.

Q: I wrote a story that only appeared on my school's website. Can I enter that?

A: Yes. Make sure there is a date when the story was posted. Print off one copy of the story, and submit with three additional photocopies.

Q: Can I submit a story that a student wrote?

A: Yes. Graduate students, interns and student assistants can submit entries, as long as they are sponsored by a CoSIDA dues-paying member.

Q: How many entries can I submit?

A: Up to three entries per category. There are five categories (Athlete feature, general feature, coach/administrator profile, event coverage and historical feature). That means you could have a maximum of 15 total entries.

Q: When will I find out if I won, and what do I receive?

A: The judging takes time, and goes through two phases. The first phase is expected to be completed by early to mid July. The second phase is the national judging, and that is expected to be completed around the end of August or early September. No announcement of winners will be released until the national judging is complete. Winners will receive a certificate. If you leave or change jobs from the school you entered under, please contact the national chair where you would like to have your certificate mailed.

Q: I didn't receive my certificate from last year

A: Unavoidable delays and a printing error have held up mailing out last year's certificates. As soon as they are ready, they will be mailed out.