

Entry Deadline: June 8

Two \$1,000 Cash Prizes to be Awarded to SNPA Members

Entries will be accepted until June 8 for the [2009 Carmage Walls Commentary Prize](#). The awards program, sponsored by the SNPA Foundation, was created to recognize outstanding commentary on local issues and to encourage thoughtful, courageous and constructive editorial page leadership on issues specifically relevant to each newspaper's primary readership. The competition is open to both daily and non-daily members.

The prize was named for the late Benjamin Carmage Walls whose newspaper career spanned seven decades. Walls primarily owned community newspapers and advocated strong, courageous and positive editorial page leadership. His friends and associates have agreed to underwrite the cost of the awards for the first 10 years. These donors are not family members and wish to remain anonymous.

The awards program is open only to staff members from SNPA member newspapers. Each entry may consist of **up to six separate opinion pieces, editorials or columns on a single subject** published on the editorial pages of an SNPA member newspaper in 2008.

Individuals are allowed to submit multiple entries at \$25 per entry. Each of those entries can consist of a single column, editorial or opinion piece OR the entry can consist of multiple pieces – **up to a maximum of six pieces (all on the same subject)**. The thought behind this is: if you wrote a series of columns on one subject and want to submit them as a "package," judges ought to view those columns on the same subject as a single entry. Columns on separate topics would need to be entered as separate entries, but that is allowed.

Monday, June 8, is the deadline to submit all entries.

Newspapers are encouraged to submit entries by e-mail. If e-mail submissions are not possible, contact Cindy Durham at (404) 256-0444 or cindy@snpa.org to discuss alternatives.

Entries should include:

- [A completed entry form](#).
- The opinion pieces, columns or editorials.
- Any needed explanation of the issues discussed and the results achieved.
- Entry fee of \$25, payable by check or credit card (on our secure payment site). Checks should be made payable to SNPA and should be mailed to: SNPA, Walls Commentary Prize, 3680 North Peachtree Road, Suite 300, Atlanta, GA 30341. Entry fees must be paid no later than Friday, June 12. Entries will be dropped from the contest if contest fees are not paid by June 12.

Prizes for the winners of the Walls Commentary Prize will be a plaque and a cash award of \$1,000 for first and \$500 for second place in each of two circulation categories – over 50,000 circulation and under 50,000 circulation. The prizes will be announced at SNPA's Annual Convention, Oct. 18-20 at the Ritz Carlton in Naples, Fla.

For additional information, contact Cindy Durham at SNPA: cindy@snpa.org or (404) 256-0444.

- [Click here for details and an entry form](#)

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