

NALC Branch Publication competition call for entries

Editions of branch and state association newsletters and websites are invited to enter NALC's biennial competition for outstanding periodical publications.

A panel of publications experts will determine award winners in the various categories, which are listed below. The decision of the judges is final. Winners will be announced at a workshop held during the national convention in Los Angeles Aug. 3-7.

Entries must be received by **April 1** at this address: Publications Competition, NALC, 100 Indiana Ave. NW, Washington, DC 20001-2144.

All entries must have been created by NALC members; been published in branch or state association newsletters, between April 2024 and March 2026 (inclusive); and must be submitted by current branch officers or editors. For the Best Website award, the judges will review the current website or feed.

Please duplicate the labels on the following page (also available on *The Postal Record* page of the NALC website) and attach one to each copy of each entry. Submissions that do not comply with these directions will be disqualified. Each entry must be clipped or photocopied from your publication and, if smaller than 8½ x 11 inches, taped onto a full-size sheet of paper. Entries will not be returned. Entries will be judged in the following categories:

Overall Excellence: This category recognizes publications that best serve the membership. Judges will consider content (appropriate and original articles, useful information, local angles), style (clear writing, effective headlines, good story placement) and overall appearance (readability, attractiveness, use of photos and art).

Judging will be based on three publication issues you choose to submit; please note that you must send two copies of each issue. Each copy must have a completed "Overall Excellence" label attached.

Publications will compete in the subcategories of 1) large branches and state associations and 2) small branches. Large branches are defined as having 500 or more members, but the judges may alter that threshold to create a balanced number of entries in both categories.

Best Editorial or Column: This category is for opinion pieces such as editorials or columns by union officers or editors. The judges will consider such factors as the author's effectiveness in putting forth their point of view and insight into the topic. Each branch or state may submit up to three editorials or columns. Send two copies of each entry.

Best News or Feature Story: This category is for reports on topics important to letter carriers and for features on branch or member activities; do not submit columns or other opinion pieces here. Judges will weigh choice of topic, factual reporting and clear writing. Each branch or state association may submit up to three news or feature articles. Send two copies of each entry.

Best Cartoon or Photo: Each branch may submit any combination of up to three cartoons, photos or illustrations created by members of that branch. Cartoons will be judged on relevance, technique and how well they convey their point. Photos and illustrations will be judged on interest, impact and quality. Send two copies of each entry.

Promoting Unionism: The special award for the Promoting Unionism category includes, but is not limited to,

articles or photo treatments that raise members' awareness of and activism in the labor movement. The judges will look for attention-grabbing entries that promote pride in labor and involve carriers more deeply in NALC. Each branch or state association may submit up to three entries. Send two copies of each entry.

Best Website: This category recognizes websites that best serve the

membership. Judges will consider relevance of content, overall appearance and timeliness of information. Blogs, Facebook pages and X or Instagram feeds may be submitted as well. Please print out the web address of the site onto two 8½ x 11-inch pieces of paper and attach the "Best Website" label to each. Send two copies of the entry. **PR**

2026 NALC Publication Contest Entry OVERALL EXCELLENCE

Number of members in branch: _____

Branch no. or state name: _____

Located in city, state: _____

Name, title and phone number of person submitting: _____

2026 NALC Publication Contest Entry **BEST NEWS or FEATURE STORY**

Name of author: _____

Name of publication: _____

Month and year of issue: _____

Branch no. or state name: _____

Located in city, state: _____

Name, title and phone number of person submitting: _____

2026 NALC Publication Contest Entry BEST EDITORIAL or COLUMN

Name of author: _____

Name of publication: _____

Month and year of issue: _____

Branch no. or state name: _____

Located in city, state: _____

Name, title and phone number of person submitting: _____

2026 NALC Publication Contest Entry BEST CARTOON or PHOTO

Name of artist or photographer (must belong to your branch): _____

Name of publication: _____

Month and year of issue: _____

Branch no. or state name: _____

Located in city, state: _____

Name, title and phone number of person submitting: _____

2026 NALC Publication Contest Entry PROMOTING UNIONISM

Name of creator: _____

Name of publication: _____

Month and year of issue: _____

Branch no. or state name: _____

Located in city, state: _____

Name, title and phone number of person submitting: _____

2026 NALC Publication Contest Entry BEST WEBSITE

Number of members in branch: _____

Branch no. or state name: _____

Located in city, state: _____

Name, title and phone number of person submitting: _____

Checklist for entries

- Submit two copies of every entry in the print categories. A copy may be clipped from the publication and taped to a sheet of 8½ x 11 inch paper, or it may be a page from the publication (or a photocopy of that page) with everything but the entry crossed out.

- Attach a completed label to each of the two copies of every entry. Please type or print clearly. For example: If a publication decides to enter one editorial and two columns in the "Best Editorial or Column" category, it must provide two copies of the editorial and two copies of each of the two columns, and it must affix a completed "Best Editorial or Column" label to each of these six items. Entries that don't comply with these rules will be disqualified.

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