

MALTA JOURNALISM AWARDS 2019

Rules and Regulations

The Event: The Malta Journalism Awards is an annual event organised by The Institute of Maltese Journalists, *Istitut tal-Ġurnalisti Maltin (IGM)*, with the support of a number of leading sponsors.

Aim: The aim of the Awards is to honour journalists or contributors whose work, published in the previous calendar year, contributed to the enhancement of the journalism profession in Malta.

Eligibility: All Maltese journalists and/or contributors to the media in Malta and abroad are eligible to participate in this contest. These works must have been published in any Maltese or foreign media during the previous calendar year (1 January-31 December, 2018).

Media include printed, broadcast – radio or TV – and electronic media.

Submissions can also be made by any Editor or News Editor for any journalist or contributor, irrespective of whether that journalist or contributor is a member of his/her staff or not, as long as the Editor or News Editor obtains permission from that particular journalist or contributor.

Fees: Members of the *Istitut tal-Ġurnalisti Maltin* or *Għaqda Ġurnalisti Sports*, who have a valid membership card and are up to date in their membership fees, participate free of charge. All other participants pay €50 to participate in the Awards.

Submissions: Every participant shall submit one entry in each category s/he wants to participate in, clearly indicating the date and medium of publication and the category in which the news item is competing.

All submissions are to be made in digital format, together with hardcopies of the application forms. The application form must include the synopsis for the respective entry. It is required to present four (4) copies for the Maltese submissions and three (3) copies for the English submissions. The application form that can be obtained from The Honorary Secretary, *Istitut tal-Ġurnalisti Maltin* or downloaded from the website: www.igm.org.mt.

Digital File Format Submissions Specifications:

Photo of participants:

- JPEG or TIFF format – framing only face to shoulders (No full body shots).
- Size: **600** pixels (W) by **900** pixels (H) Portrait (150 to 300 dpi).
- File name must clearly indicate the participant's name e.g.:
JOE BORG.JPG or **JOE BORG.TIFF**

Printed Articles:

- JPEG or PDF format.
- Size: A4 portrait or landscape, 2,480 by 3,508 pixels – 300 dpi.
- Double page or more articles are to be sent as separate JPEGs per page, or as a separate pages in the PDF file.
- File name must indicate the Category, participant's name and the title of Article (and page number for JPEGs) e.g.:

CAT 4-JOE BORG-BEING FAMOUS-PG1.JPG

or

CAT 4-JOE BORG-BEING FAMOUS.PDF

Online Articles:

- **PDF** file format.
- The Web article needs to be printed to a **PDF file**, as an A4 size page Portrait/Landscape, using the Print to PDF option in the web browser.
- PDF file name must indicate the Category, participant's name and the title of Article:

CAT 11-JOE BORG-BEING FAMOUS.PDF

PHOTOS and IMAGES for the Photography Categories:

- JPEG or TIFF format – NO COMPRESSION – BEST QUALITY.
- Size: 5x7 ratio, portrait or landscape, 2,100 by 1,500 pixels – 300 dpi.
- File name must indicate the Category, participant's name and the title of the file, e.g.:

CAT 9-JOE BORG-SPORTS.JPG

or

CAT 9-JOE BORG-SPORTS.TIFF

FOOTAGE SEQUENCES for the TV Broadcast Categories:

- Quicktime (.MOV) file – PHOTO JPEG or H264 codec – NO COMPRESSION (i.e.,100%).
- Size: minimum of 1,0240x576 pixels, 25 fps, PAL format.
- File name must indicate the Category, participant's name and title of the file, e.g.:

CAT 6-JOE BORG-DETONATING BOMBS.MOV

Categories: The Malta Journalism Awards consists of eighteen (18) categories, namely:

Print categories:

Print Journalism
Photo Journalism

Broadcast categories:

Broadcast Journalism – TV Script News
Broadcast Journalism – TV Script Features
Broadcast Journalism – Film
Broadcast Journalism – Radio Current Affairs

E-category:

Online Journalism

General categories:

Sports Journalism – Print
Sports Journalism – Broadcasting
Sports Photography
Cultural Journalism – Print
Cultural Journalism – Broadcast
Cultural E Journalism
Environment Journalism
Travel Journalism
Opinion Articles
Human Stories
Best use of Maltese Language in Journalism

Criteria:

Print News – Investigative Journalism

An outstanding piece of investigative journalism. This may be a single report or a number of items covering the same story.

Broadcast Journalism TV Script News

A film news report on a current and/or breaking story. The entry should be no longer than 3 minutes.

Broadcast Journalism TV Scrip Features

A film news/feature report on a current and/or breaking story.

Broadcast Journalism Radio Current Affairs

This can be either excerpts or a full-length radio documentary or interview. The entry should be between 20 to 60 minutes duration. These must have been broadcast or available online.

Travel Journalism

Applicants should have at least regular traveling reporting.

Environmental Journalism

A print, radio, broadcast and digital reporting that makes an exceptional contribution to public understanding of environmental issues.

E-Journalism Category:

Best use of the on line medium as a news/information vehicle. Judges will look at the total package of the online page(s) including uniqueness of the story to the on line environment, the fullness of information, writing, design, photography, navigation ease, interactivity, information architecture, legibility, links and other supporting information to inform readers about the story;

Sports Journalism Print and Broadcasting:

Outstanding sports reporting in either print, television or radio. Entries may be spot news, feature items or any combination of journalistic elements.

Sports Photography: Since a photograph can sometimes stand on its own, entries in this category, adequately captioned, can be submitted by the photographer, irrespective of any accompanying story.

Opinion Articles:

Outstanding editorial comment in print, television, or radio. Entries may be analytical, interpretive or humorous, or a combination of such qualities.

Cultural Print and Broadcast Journalism:

Award goes to publications about Malta's past or contemporary natural and cultural heritage

Criteria for newspaper and magazine articles:

Gives prominence to some aspect of Maltese natural and cultural heritage, including the contemporary art scene; or sheds light on some aspect of Maltese life and islands' unique identity; or which draws attention to what the country has to offer those visiting from abroad; or which increases awareness about the need to safeguard the beauty and authenticity of the Maltese Islands.

Criteria for TV or Radio broadcasts:

Gives prominence to some aspect of Maltese natural and cultural heritage, including the contemporary art scene; or sheds light on some aspect of Maltese life and islands' unique identity; or which draws attention to what the country has to offer those visiting from abroad; or which increases awareness about the need to safeguard the beauty and authenticity of the Maltese Islands.

Cultural E Journalism:

Award goes to the authors of sites, publications or posts that have promoted Malta as a tourist destination.

Criteria for Cultural E Journalism:

Post or e publication must have been published or uploaded during 2018.

Gives prominence to the local Tourism Industry as a whole or to a specific aspect of the local tourism sector, or draws attention to aspects that make the Maltese Islands ideal for as a tourist destination, or increases awareness of the importance of tourism and of the need to safeguard the beauty and authenticity of the Maltese Islands.

All submitted works will become the property of the *Istitut tal-Ġurnalisti Maltin*, which can use them in any appropriate way after consulting with author/photographer, when it deems fit.

Judging Panels: All submissions are adjudicated by a panel of three judges, including the Chairperson, appointed by the Council of the IGM. A different panel of judges will adjudicate the Gold Award submissions.

Special Categories Judging Panel: Work competing in the Best Use of Maltese Language shall be judged by experts selected by *Il-Kunsill Nazzjonali tal-Ilsien Malti*.

Classification: Judges will establish the first three classified in every category in order of merit. If, in any category, the judging panel finds that submissions did not reach the desired standard, they may decide to classify only two, one or even nobody, depending on the respective case.

Sponsors: The sponsors of each category are:

Print categories:

Print Journalism

*Photo Journalism – **The Farsons Foundation***

Broadcast categories:

Broadcast Journalism – TV Script News

Broadcast Journalism – TV Script Features

Broadcast Journalism – Film

Broadcast Journalism – Radio Current Affairs

E-category:

*E-Journalism – **MITA***

General categories:

*Sports Journalism Print – **SportMalta***

*Sports Journalism Broadcasting – **The Good Causes Fund***

*Human Stories – **Malta Public Transport***

*Sports Photography - **The Malta Gaming Authority***

*Travel Journalism – **Britannia Services***

Cultural Journalism Print

Cultural Journalism Broadcasting

Cultural E Journalism

*Environment Journalism – **Wasteserv***

*Opinion Articles – **AX Holdings Limited***

*Best use of Maltese Language in Journalism – **Kunsill Nazzjonali tal-Ilsien Malti***

The **Gold Award** is being sponsored by the **Fondazzjoni Tumas Fenech għall-Edukazzjoni fil-Ġurnaliżmu**.

Prizes: Three finalists will be announced in each category, with the winner in each of the first 17 categories receiving a cash prize of €200, a trophy and a certificate. The two runners-up will each receive a certificate. Sponsors are free to offer any other prize to the winners of their respective categories.

Presentation: The finalists will be announced at a Ceremony on Saturday, **15th June 2019 at The Palace Hotel, Sliema**, and the winners will be announced at a Presentation Ceremony to be held on Saturday, **13th July, 2019 at Fort Saint Angelo, Vittoriosa**.

Closing Date: Submissions for the 29th edition of the Malta Journalism Awards will be received at the offices of the **Institute of Maltese Journalists, 280/3 Republic Street, Valletta, on Saturday, 13th April 2019, between 9.00 a.m. and 12.00 p.m. (noon)**.

