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About the American Advertising Awards

The American Advertising Awards is the advertising industry's largest and most representative competition, attracting nearly 35,000 entries every year in local AAF Club (Ad Club) competitions. The mission of the American Advertising Awards competition is to recognize and reward the creative spirit of excellence in the art of advertising.

Conducted annually by the American Advertising Federation (AAF), the local Ad Club phase is the first of a three-tier, national competition. Concurrently, all across the country, local entrants vie to win ADDY Awards—recognition as the very best in their markets. At the second tier, local ADDY winners compete with winners from other local clubs in one of 15 district competitions. District ADDY winners are then forwarded to the third tier, the national stage of the American Advertising Awards. Entry in your local Ad Club competition is the first step toward winning a national ADDY.

Entering the American Advertising Awards supports the entire advertising industry, because the AAF and its local and district affiliates use the proceeds to enhance advertising through programs such as public service, professional development, internships, advocacy groups, advertising education, and consumer awareness.

Selection of the most creative entries is conducted through a scoring process in which a panel of judges—comprised of accomplished advertising creative professionals—evaluates all creative dimensions of every entry. A GOLD ADDY is recognition of the highest level of creative excellence and is judged to be superior. Entries that are also considered outstanding and worthy of recognition receive a SILVER ADDY. The number of awards given in each category is determined by the judges, based on the relative quality of work in that category.

The American Advertising Awards Student Division is also a three-tier national competition, which is sponsored by the AAF. Occurring in conjunction with the professional competition, the Student Awards recognize and reward creative excellence by students. Information on entering the American Advertising Awards Student Division may be found at AmericanAdvertisingAwards.com.

How to Enter

Visit AmericanAdvertisingAwards.com, or your local Ad Club website. You will be directed to the competition site to register as an entrant. Review the category list in this document or on these websites to find where your work should compete, and follow the simple drop-down menus to enter your information. Make sure you credit the members of your creative team, so that they will be recognized properly in press releases and other AAF winner publications. **Trophies are engraved based on information submitted at time of entry. Please make sure all fields are accurate.**

Submission of entries acknowledges the right of the AAF to use them for publication, exhibition and marketing of the American Advertising Awards competition and show.

Deadlines

Local deadline information is available from your local AAF Ad Club. All Ad Club entry deadlines for this competition year will occur on or after January 1, 2021. After preparing your entries in the manner outlined in this guide, deliver the entries, before your local deadline, to the location indicated by your local Ad Club. Since you must enter your local American Advertising Awards competition to be eligible for district and national judging, it is important that you do not miss this deadline.

Eligibility Requirements

- All work entered in the American Advertising Awards competition must have first appeared between January 1 and December 31, 2020.
- With the exceptions of Pro Bono Advertising and Advertising Industry Self Promotion categories, and student entries, work entered must have been the result of paid creative services and/or media placement in the normal course of business.
- Entries must be submitted in the CBSA, DMA or MSA where the work was created (as defined by Arbitron or Nielsen for your local market). If multiple Ad Clubs are in the same CBSA, DMA or MSA the Ad Club located nearest to the entrant geographically will be the entry site.
- In the event there are entrants located in markets not served by a local American Advertising Awards-affiliated show, the acceptance, processing, judging, forwarding and fees of those entries will be decided by the governing body of the district in which the entrant is located. Additional geographic considerations are covered on page 6.
- For Student eligibility requirements refer to the Student American Advertising Awards Rules & Categories available at AmericanAdvertisingAwards.com.

“Real” Advertising

The expressed intent of the American Advertising Awards competition is to recognize and reward creative excellence in the legitimate everyday workplace of advertising. Occasionally, an entry is submitted that appears to have been created outside the conventional agency-to-client-to-media marketing structure, as if the entry was created solely for the purpose of winning an award. This type of work is not accepted.

“New” Creative

To qualify as new creative, the copy must be completely different from that used in any previous ads. The same headline with different body copy does not qualify. Changing dates, locations, times, savings, etc., does not qualify. The illustration or photography can be the same, but the copy (thrust and content) must be new. Some ads present little or no copy. In the instance of no copy (other than time, location, and other basic information data), an ad with a previously used illustration does not qualify. If questionable, the final decision rests with the local, district and ultimately the national American Advertising Awards Committee (N3AC).

Copyright infringement and/or plagiarism (be it intentional or unintentional) will result in the disqualification and, if applicable, removal of awards from any entry deemed in violation. All entry fees will be forfeited.

Documentation

Should a question arise relative to the eligibility or legitimacy of any entry the entrant agrees by his/her signature on the entry form to furnish the necessary documentation for review by the National American Advertising Awards Committee (N3AC). Failure to do so can be grounds for disqualification without refund of entry fees. Decisions on eligibility made by the N3AC are final.

Entry Fees

Local entry fee information is available on the competition entry website, or from your local AAF Ad Club. Since there is often a substantial savings in entry fees for AAF members, you should consider joining your local Ad Club. Some of the benefits of membership include: personal and professional development through regular meetings and workshops; networking opportunities; a voice in legislative issues; and member discounts on business related services.

All Entries Must

- Meet all eligibility and deadline requirements.
- Be entered in the correct category and be correctly identified.
- Conform to defined submission requirements.
- Conform to all copyright laws.

Invoice/Manifest Form

After filling out the entry forms, *you will be required to sign an Invoice/Manifest Form*, listing all of your entries. This form states that by signing below you:

1. Verify that the above information is accurate.
2. Acknowledge that proper rights were obtained for use of any elements of the entry that were not original.
3. Agree to submit documentation deemed necessary for review.
4. Release the entry for Internet, broadcast and/or print (allow reuse of material).
5. Verify that the entry was created within the local MSA of the competition.

Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR)

Corporate Social Responsibility advertising has a goal for raising the public's awareness of social, ethical and/or environmental issues **which includes branding that leads** to a positively enhanced corporate image.

All Corporate Social Responsibility advertising must be entered in these categories and does not qualify in any other. Individual elements of Corporate Social Responsibility advertising may be entered into the Elements of Advertising categories for judging, but note there is no specific Corporate Social Responsibility category.

Pro Bono

Pro bono advertising has as its goal the improvement of the public's health, education and/or welfare. **Charitable organizations are nonprofits whose goal is to benefit the general public.** Advertising work done for non-profit social organizations or causes, charities or NGOs designated as a non-profit and exempt from Federal Income Tax under section 501(c)(3) or similar section of the United States Internal Revenue Code should be entered in a Pro Bono **category but not if the entrant had a fully paid budget. Additionally, if significant portions of the work were created using donated resources it would qualify as Pro Bono. Public service advertising work that is performed within normal accepted creative processes (that is with no special budgetary allowances on the part of advertising agencies or in-house teams) should be submitted in the appropriate general categories.**

All Pro Bono advertising must be entered in these categories and does not qualify in any other. Individual elements of Pro Bono advertising may be entered into the Elements of Advertising categories for judging, but note there is no specific Pro Bono category. Please Note: Pro Bono entries and Pro Bono Elements of Advertising entries are not eligible for Best of Show consideration.

Advertising Industry Self-Promotion

All advertising and special events materials and creative work performed for advertising agencies, advertising suppliers and advertising clubs must be entered in these categories. Categories for Advertising Industry Self-Promotion entries are located within the divisions that define the creative work performed (for instance Online/Interactive or Print Advertising).

Creative Services and advertising supplier/vendor ads created by, or for, an agency that advances the agency's or supplier/vendor's cause (new client acquisition, client retention, education, holiday cards, moving announcements, etc.). Includes,

but is not limited to: agencies, design studios, freelancers, graphic designers, interactive developers, writers, illustrators, paper companies, advertising specialty companies, printers, photographers, marketing and public relations consultants or firms, talent agencies, individual actors/actresses/models, video/film and audio production companies.

Entries submitted in advertising industry self-promotion are not eligible in other categories. Individual elements of Advertising Industry Self-Promotion may be entered into the Elements of Advertising categories for judging, but note there is no specific Advertising Industry Self-Promotion category. Please Note: Advertising Industry Self-Promotion entries and Advertising Industry Self-Promotion entries in Elements of Advertising are NOT eligible for Best of Show consideration.

Entry Submission

Physical entries must be placed inside an appropriately-sized envelope. The national American Advertising Awards Committee (N3AC) recommends transparent, plastic envelopes found in most office supply stores and catalogs. Manila envelopes may also be used. Please consult with your local club for physical entries as specifications may vary. *Mounted entries are not encouraged.*

If a transparent plastic envelope is used, insert two copies of the entry form securely inside the envelope behind the physical entry. The entry (creative work) should be facing or readable from one side and the entry form facing or readable from the other. Firmly affix the entry number to the BACK of every piece in the entry (use removable entry number tabs from the bottom of printable entry form).

If a manila envelope is used, spray-mount the entire entry form and attach to the front of the envelope. Insert a second copy of the entry form inside the envelope. Also firmly affix the entry number to the BACK of every piece in the entry (use removable entry number tabs from the bottom of printable entry form).

If a three-dimensional (3-D) item is small enough, it should be placed inside an envelope, as described above. The entry number label should be securely attached to the bottom of the entry. Insert two copies of the entry form inside the envelope. (If the entry is likely to tear the envelope when removing and replacing it, choose the method listed below.)

When a three-dimensional (3-D) item is over-sized and too large to fit inside an envelope, enclose the item inside an appropriately-sized box. Secure the entry number to the top of the box in the upper right-hand corner. An entry number label should be affixed to the bottom of the piece for identifying. Spray-mount the entry form to the bottom of the box and place a second copy of the entry form inside the box.

Campaign entries may be handled in the same manner as above, placing the campaign inside an appropriately sized envelope. Firmly affix the entry number to the BACK of every piece in the entry (use removable entry number tabs from the bottom of printable entry form). Indicate on each label "1 of 2" or "2 of 2," etc. Include an extra copy of the entry form inside the envelope.

All components of Campaign and Integrated Campaign entries must be entered together in an appropriately sized envelope whenever possible. Firmly affix the entry number to the BACK of every piece in the entry (use removable entry number tabs from the bottom of printable entry form). Label each component with an entry number and include the total components for each campaign, (1 of 10, 2 of 10, 3 of 10, etc.).

Entry Identification

Detach the category and entry number labels from the printable entry form generated when you submitted your entry information online. The entry number must be firmly affixed in the upper right corner on the back of all pieces which are envelopes. In clear plastic or transparent envelopes, place two copies of the entire entry form into the envelope. Label each component of an Integrated Campaign in a similar fashion. No information identifying the entrant should appear on the face of an entry, or within the title of video slates or online URLs for digital submissions.

Submission of entries acknowledges the right of the AAF to use them for publication, exhibition and marketing of the American Advertising Awards competition and show.

Campaign Entries

A SINGLE-MEDIUM CAMPAIGN is no less than two and no more than four total pieces in the entry.

An INTEGRATED CAMPAIGN is defined as a campaign or series of ads, commercials or executions that utilize more than one medium. The American Advertising Awards allows entries in all Integrated Campaign categories to submit up to ten executions for judging. Integrated Campaign entries may be accompanied by a written or digital (video) summary not to exceed 250 words (written) or 3 minutes (digital). Digital summaries must be submitted by uploading the video file during the online entry process.

Failure to adhere to these limitations may result in a portion or all of the noncompliant entry to be removed from judging.

Submission of Digital Entries

Digital entries in the Professional Division of the American Advertising Awards are described as follows:

- Entries in all Online/Interactive categories (#31-40, **63 and 113**)
- Entries in all Film, Video & Sound categories (#41-59, **114 and 115**)
- Entries in select Elements of Advertising categories (#74-87)

Entry submission in these categories may be made entirely online, including submission of creative assets either via digital file uploads, JPEG screenshots (for Social Media) or submission of URLs for judging (carefully follow the submission instructions during the online entry process). Completion of the entry process, *for only these categories*, requires only the online portion of the process—no physical work samples or entry forms are required for submission. However, for all other categories, a physical entry form and physical samples of the creative work suitable for judging must be submitted as part of the entry.

Online/Interactive Advertising

For Websites and all Online/Interactive entries, submit the URL addresses. For multiple URLs in a campaign category entry, create a webpage that contains each of the individual links and provide the single URL to your newly created page (i.e. - http://www.somedomain.com/addy_entries.html). Do not submit a URL that leads directly to a SWF file.

Judging of online entries will be done online, using the URL whenever possible. URLs should not require any username or password for access. In cases where this already exists, the entrant should create an independent URL. URLs, banners and menus must not contain any references to the entrant.

Submission of Entries

Physical submissions are REQUIRED for all entries in the following divisions: Sales & Marketing, Print Advertising, Out-of-Home & Ambient Media, Cross Platform and Categories 69-73 of Elements of Advertising. This includes submission of a physical copy of the creative work—SUITABLE FOR IN-PERSON JUDGING and two printed copies of the entry form. Failure to comply with these guidelines could result in disqualification. Entries and entry fees should be sent to the address indicated by your local Ad Club competition. All entries become the property of your local Ad Club, district, or the AAF and will not be returned. Do NOT send original or irreplaceable artwork. It will NOT be returned.

Forwarding of Winners

Only work that has won a Gold ADDY or a Silver ADDY in a local Ad Club competition will be eligible for entry into the District competition. Only work that has won a Gold ADDY or a Silver ADDY in a district competition will be eligible for entry into the National American Advertising Awards competition.

Auto-Forwarding

If your entry wins a Gold ADDY at the local Ad Club competition, it will be automatically forwarded to the district competition with fees paid by the local Ad Club. Should the entry win Gold again at the district level, it will be forwarded to the national competition with fees paid by the district.

If your entry is awarded a Silver ADDY at the local or district level, you have won the right to compete at the next level of competition and may choose to pay the applicable entry fee in order to be forwarded. You will be contacted with information regarding your entries that qualify to be forwarded to the next level of competition, including entry fees, due dates and how to submit payment.

The rules, divisions and categories defined here serve as the official policy for the American Advertising Awards competition and replace all others from previous competitions. The name American Advertising Awards, ADDY and the trophy to which this name refers are protected by a registered trademark owned by the American Advertising Federation. The AAF competition rules, category format and the American Advertising Awards competition name should be used at all levels of the competition.

Judging Procedures

Judging will be conducted in accordance with the guidelines found on the [AAF website](#). Decisions of judges and the N3AC, including eligibility, qualifications and appropriate category placements, are final.

Geographic Considerations

Entries may be entered into only one local American Advertising Awards competition, which is determined by the location of the agency or company that created the work. In addition, the piece **MUST** be entered under the Geographic Considerations of the entrant. In Elements of Advertising, entries may only be entered in the CBSA, DMA or MSA in which it was created by the original creator of the work, not the agency or company that commissioned the work. If an affiliated competition does not exist in the CBSA, DMA or MSA, the district will direct the entrant to the nearest affiliated competition. {Although not recommended, the entrant, if other than the agency/creator, may choose to enter the work on behalf of the creator (examples include, but are not limited to: photographers, illustrators, printers, production companies or clients). In this case, the entrant's address will determine into which local show the work is entered. It is important, however, that the parties communicate to ensure the work is entered and eligible in only one market. Should a conflict arise and work is entered without knowledge in two markets, the N3AC defers to the rights of the creator in all cases.}

Special Awards

Work entered in the Advertising Industry Self-Promotion or Pro Bono categories is not eligible for Best of Show consideration. The N3AC suggests the creation of local, district and national Special Judges Awards to recognize outstanding achievement in pro bono advertising.

Category List

SALES & MARKETING

NOTE: All entries in the Sales & Marketing division must be physically submitted after the conclusion of the online entry process. This includes submission of a physical copy of the creative work—SUITABLE FOR IN-PERSON JUDGING and two printed copies of the entry form. Failure to comply with these guidelines could result in disqualification.

SALES PROMOTION

Product or Service Sales Promotion

Printed promotional materials for products and services whose distribution comes from means other than traditional mass media.

01A Catalog

A printed piece—usually a booklet, folder or brochure to sell products or services via a “call for action” and a procedure for ordering and/or buying.

01B Sales Kit or Product Information Sheets

An informational package (folder, binder, envelope, box, etc.), usually with multiple inserts/sheets designed to advance the sale of a product/service and could include: the entire sales kit, container and inserts; the container wrapping itself; or one or more of the sales sheets, minus the container. If you enter a piece in this category, you may not enter it in the Brochure category (07A or B). If there are additional pieces included to make a brochure a sales kit, then it can be entered into both.

01C Menu

A list of options available to a diner, shopper, etc.

01D Campaign

2–4 pieces may be submitted from work that qualifies in categories 01A, 01B and/or 01C.

Packaging

All product packaging.

02A Single Unit

02B Campaign

2–4 pieces may be submitted from work that qualifies in category 02A.

Point of Purchase

Promotional advertising or display unit that attends the product or service at the specific sale location.

03A Counter Top

A POP piece that requires additional support or elevation for proper product or service presentation, including product hangtags.

03B Free Standing

Self-contained unit or device that requires no additional support or elevation for proper product or service presentation.

COLLATERAL MATERIAL

04 Stationery Package—Single or Multiple Pieces

Stationery entries in this category may contain one or more pieces of letterhead, envelope and/or business cards.

05 Printed Annual Report

Yearly communications piece, usually with financial data, intended primarily for stockholders or members as a statement or record of a company's or organization's annual performance or status. *Digital annual reports should be entered in category 38—Digital Publications.*

Printed Newsletter

06A Single Newsletter

A printed editorial communications device (single or multiple page), including house magazines, published more than twice a year, with distribution to a specific audience (usually internal) including news or updated information. *Newsletters for Pro Bono and Industry Self-Promotion should not be entered here, but into their respective categories. Digital newsletters should be entered in Category 38—Digital Publications.*

06B Campaign

2–4 pieces may be submitted from work that qualifies in category 06A. Editions submitted must all be distributed to the same audience. *Digital newsletters should be entered in Category 38—Digital Publications.*

Brochure

07A Single Unit

Multiple page/panel piece (usually bound/folded) that advertises, presents and/or describes the advantages, capabilities, worth and/or reasons to buy a product or service. *If you enter a piece in this category, you may not enter it in the Sales Kit category (1B) without the appropriate sales information. Digital brochures should be entered in Category 38—Digital Publications.*

07B Campaign

2–4 brochures may be entered for the same product, service and/or brand. *Digital brochures should be entered in Category 38—Digital Publications.*

Publication Design

Layout and design of the interior and/or exterior of a magazine or book

08A Cover

Layout & design of the front exterior of a magazine or book

08B Editorial Spread or Feature

One editorial spread or feature per entry. *Not intended for submission of entire book or magazine. Entire publications should be entered into the Magazine Design (08D) or Book Design (08E) categories.*

08C Cover/Editorial Spread or Feature—Series

2–4 pieces may be submitted from work that qualifies in categories 08A and/or 08B.

08D Magazine Design

Entire magazine design from cover-to-cover.

08E Book Design

Entire book design from cover-to-cover.

Special Event Material

Promotional and/or informational items, usually relating to a specific event/affair at a given location, date, time, etc. This category does not include Advertising Industry Self-Promotion or Pro Bono. They must be entered in their respective categories.

09A Card, Invitation, Announcement—Single Unit

09B Card, Invitation, Announcement—Campaign

2–4 pieces may be submitted from work that qualifies in category 09A.

DIRECT MARKETING

Anything that is mailed via USPS or delivered via special courier (private, FedEx, etc.) with the purpose of eliciting, provoking or effecting a consumer reaction (response card, phone number to call, order form, sale/event dates, etc.) should be entered in the appropriate direct marketing categories.

Direct Mail

Mere mailing of a piece does not necessarily make it direct marketing. The method of shipment (self-mailer indicia, envelope, etc.) MUST be evident and included with the entry.

10A Flat—Single Unit

Any printed sheet or sheets, flat, folded or bound printed material that has been mailed as part of an advertising or promotional effort. *The method of shipment, (box, envelope, etc.), MUST be evident and included with the entry.*

10B Flat—Campaign

2–4 pieces may be submitted from work that qualifies in category 10A.

10C 3D / Mixed—Single Unit

Includes single or multiple pieces, and the container and its contents. Dimensional also includes “pop-ups” that might mail flat, but take on dimension in their final forms. Entries typically include some element/item (other than paper) as part of the marketing message (premium item, baseball, ink pen, etc.) which is included as PART of the message. *The method of shipment, (box, envelope, etc.), MUST be evident and included with the entry.*

10D 3D / Mixed—Campaign

2–4 pieces may be submitted from work that qualifies in category 10C.

SPECIALTY ADVERTISING

11A Apparel

Clothing and/or promotional apparel with an advertising message, such as shirts, caps and jackets.

11B Other Merchandise

Specialty and/or promotional products with advertising messages, including: pens, bumper stickers, umbrellas, paper weights, etc. that are created to promote a company, corporate image, brand or event.

11C Campaign

2–4 pieces may be submitted from work that qualifies in categories 11A and/or 11B.

ADVERTISING INDUSTRY SELF-PROMOTION

Collateral

12 Brand Elements

Advertising Industry Self-Promotion stationery, logo, invitations, point-of-sales materials, newsletters, sales kits, brochures, etc.

13 Direct Marketing & Specialty Advertising (printed or digital)

Advertising industry self-promotion direct marketing, direct mail and specialty advertising.

14 Special Event Materials (printed or digital)

Advertising industry self-promotion special event materials, including cards, invitations or announcements.

PRINT ADVERTISING

NOTE: All entries in the Print Advertising division must be physically submitted after the conclusion of the online entry process. This includes submission of a physical copy of the creative work—SUITABLE FOR IN-PERSON JUDGING and two printed copies of the entry form. Failure to comply with these guidelines could result in disqualification.

MAGAZINE ADVERTISING

Advertising that appears in periodic (annually, bi-annually, quarterly, monthly, weekly, etc.) publications. Circulation/distribution can be intended for the general public (Consumer) or an industry target audience (Trade).

Magazine Advertising

15A Full Page or Less—Single Unit

15B Spread, Multiple Page or Insert

15C Campaign

2–4 pieces may be submitted from work that qualifies in categories 15A and/or 15B.

MAGAZINE SELF-PROMOTION

Any advertisement which appears in a magazine, promoting that magazine.

Magazine Self-Promotion

16A Single Unit—Any Size

16B Campaign

2–4 pieces may be submitted from work that qualifies in category 16A.

NEWSPAPER ADVERTISING

Advertising that is placed/run in publications whose primary purpose is to inform the public about current events or issues on a daily or weekly schedule.

Newspaper Advertising

17A Fractional Page—Single Unit

Newspaper ad that fills less than a full page, regardless of newspaper size/format (tabloid, broadsheet, etc).

17B Full Page—Single Unit

Ad that fills an entire page regardless of newspaper size/format (tabloid, broadsheet, etc).

17C Spread or Multiple Page—Single Unit

Newspaper advertising sections, etc.

17D Specialty Advertising—Single Unit

Any advertising delivered via newspaper. Could include die cuts, mini booklets, magnets, “post-it” promotions, calendars, flat sample packs, poly bags and wrappers.

17E Campaign

2–4 pieces may be submitted from work that qualifies in categories 17A, 17B, 17C and/or 17D.

NEWSPAPER SELF-PROMOTION

Newspaper Self-Promotion

Any advertisement which appears in a newspaper, promoting that newspaper.

18A Single Unit—Any Size

18B Campaign

2–4 pieces may be submitted from work that qualifies in category 18A.

BRANDED CONTENT & ENTERTAINMENT

Original content that may or may not directly promote the brand or product, but is created on behalf of the brand. Any branded content and/or branded entertainment placed or appearing in print media.

19 Branded Content & Entertainment—Any Print Medium

Any branded content and/or branded entertainment placed or appearing in print media

OUT-OF-HOME & AMBIENT MEDIA

NOTE: All entries in the Out-of-Home & Ambient Media division must be physically submitted after the conclusion of the online entry process. This includes submission of a physical copy of the creative work—SUITABLE FOR IN-PERSON JUDGING and two printed copies of the entry form. Failure to comply with these guidelines could result in disqualification.

AMBIENT MEDIA

20 Guerrilla Marketing

Formerly known as a form of “non-traditional advertising” guerrilla marketing is an unconventional way of performing advertising and/or promotional activities. Guerrilla Marketing entries must be accompanied by proof of usage. Entries in this category should be accompanied by a written or digital (video) summary not to exceed 250 words (written) or 3 minutes (video). Digital summaries must be submitted by uploading the video file via the American Advertising Awards online entry software.

Installations

Design and build-out of temporary or permanent branded environment. Examples might include kiosk, art exhibition, trade show exhibit or retail store. Entries in this category may be accompanied by a written or digital (video) summary not to exceed 250 words (written) or 3 minutes (video). Digital summaries must be submitted by uploading the video file via the American Advertising Awards online entry software.

21A Single Installation

21B Multiple Installations

2–4 pieces may be submitted from work that qualifies in category 21A.

Events

Event execution (not architecture—see Installation). Entries in this category may be accompanied by a written or digital (video) summary not to exceed 250 words (written) or 3 minutes (video). Digital summaries must be submitted by uploading the video file via the American Advertising Awards online entry software.

22A Single Event

22B Multiple Events

2–4 pieces may be submitted from work that qualifies in category 22A.

OUT-OF-HOME

Poster

A single sheet, advertising or promotional piece intended for mounting and display for a product, service or event. Does not include point-of-purchase materials, nor any outdoor signage.

23A Poster—Single Unit

23B Poster—Campaign

2–4 pieces may be submitted from work that qualifies in category 23A.

Outdoor Board

The outdoor display of advertising messages, notices or events, commonly associated with standardized wooden or metal structures, that are delivered to mass (outdoor) audiences on sidewalks, streets, roadways, etc.

24A Flat—Single Unit

24B Super-sized, Extension/Dimensional, Digital or Animated—Single Unit

Mass Transit/Airlines

25A Interior—Single

Advertising placed inside any public transit vehicle.

25B Exterior—Single

Advertising placed on the exterior surface of any vehicle, including public transit, corporate vehicles, etc., bus wraps, and all other exterior vehicle signage, as well as bus shelter ads should be entered here.

Site

Interior or exterior signage that is restricted to public venues such as malls, airports, train/bus stations, places of business, stadiums, arenas, etc. Does not include posters described in category 27, or signage in the outdoor or transit categories **but would include murals.**

26A Interior or Exterior—Single

Interior **or exterior** signage, animated or static placed in airports, malls, transit stations, places of business.

26B Large Venue—Single

Any signage, animated or static placed in stadiums and arenas. Examples could include branded scoreboard animations, branded games, sponsor signage, etc.

27 Out-Of-Home Campaign

2–4 pieces may be submitted from work that qualifies in categories 24A-26B.

Out-Of-Home Self-Promotion

Advertising for an out of home company appearing on that company's out of home media.

28A Single Unit

28B Campaign

2–4 pieces may be submitted from work that qualifies in category 28A.

ADVERTISING INDUSTRY SELF-PROMOTION

29 Advertising Industry Self-Promotion Out-Of-Home

Any public service out of home advertising, including outdoor boards, transit advertising and posters.

30 Advertising Industry Self-Promotion Ambient Media

Any advertising industry self-promotion ambient media, including guerrilla marketing, installations and events.

ONLINE/INTERACTIVE

NOTE: Entries for categories within the Online/Interactive division do not require physical submission. Judging of these entries will be done online, using the digital content provided via URL or by JPEG screenshots during the online entry process.

WEBSITES

Websites

31A Consumer

Any website created primarily for consumer use.

31B B-to-B

Any website created primarily for business-to-business commerce.

31C Microsites

Any web page or series of pages that are a part of a larger website but intended to feature specialized information. Although a microsite may have a unique message or purpose, it should support the overall parent website. Does not include animated movies or intros, which should be entered in Elements of Advertising. When entering a microsite, indicate the direct URL of the microsite, not the main site URL of which the micro is a part.

SOCIAL MEDIA

Social Media

32A Single Execution

Single creative execution of brand advertising, marketing or promotion that appeared in social media. The same execution may have appeared on one or multiple platforms **or in carousel**, but only one entry is required.

32B Campaign

Creative executions of brand advertising, marketing and/or promotion across social media. The campaign may have appeared on one or multiple platforms. 2–4 pieces may be submitted from work that qualifies in category 32A.

APPS, GAMES AND VIRTUAL REALITY

Apps, Games and Virtual Reality

Apps must advertise a product or service. Apps and Virtual Reality entries will be judged using a digital (video) summary of 3 minutes or less, which must be digitally uploaded by the entrant (not via URL). This summary should describe and demonstrate the design and functionality of the entry as well as the most important user benefits and attributes of the entry. Judges will not be given access to the app itself or headsets for virtual judging.

33A Mobile App

Interactive mobile apps for tablets, smartphones and wearable devices.

33B Website Based App

Interactive apps for desktop and laptop-based web browsers.

33C Games

Online/interactive games.

33D Tools & Utilities

Interactive applications regardless of the device or interface such as screensavers, widgets, etc.

33E Virtual Reality—Single

The computer-generated simulation of a three-dimension image or environment that can be interacted with in a seemingly real or physical way by a person using special electronic equipment.

ADVERTISING & PROMOTION

34 Web Banner Ad or Website Takeover

35 Campaign

2–4 pieces may be submitted from work that qualifies in category 34.

36 Email

Single or multiple (campaign) email occurrences.

BLOGS & DIGITAL PUBLICATIONS

37 Blogs

Eligible blog content must support a brand or advertise a product or service.

38A Digital Publication—Single

Online publication in support of a brand, such as annual reports, magazines, newsletters or books.

38B Digital Publication—Campaign

2–4 pieces may be submitted from work that qualifies in category 38A.

BRANDED CONTENT & ENTERTAINMENT

39 Branded Content & Entertainment for Online/Interactive

Original content that may or may not directly promote the brand or product, but is created on behalf of the brand. Branded Content or Branded Entertainment for any online/interactive category, excluding Online Film, Video & Sound, which should be entered in Category 51.

ADVERTISING INDUSTRY SELF-PROMOTION

40 Advertising Industry Self-Promotion Online/Interactive

Single Advertising Industry Self-Promotion entries for Online/Interactive - excluding Online Film, Video & Sound, which should be entered in Category 59.

FILM, VIDEO & SOUND

NOTE: Entries for categories within the Film/Video & Sound division do not require physical submission. Judging of these entries will be done using the digital content provided via URL or uploaded during the online entry process.

AUDIO/RADIO ADVERTISING

Audio/Radio advertising is defined as commercial audio (only) messages conveyed to the prospective/target consumer public by the seller of a product or service via mass media transmission. Commercial messages which appear on digital streaming or satellite radio services such as Pandora, Spotify or SiriusXM should be entered in the Regional/National Radio categories.

Within the **audio/radio** category, commercials aired on stations in more than one market or “metro” (even if placed on only one station in each of two “metros”) do not qualify as “local.” Any time a commercial extends past one “metro” (two or more), it is defined as regional/national and must be entered accordingly. 2–4 commercials for the same client, with a common theme that are placed in one market only (no more than one “metro”) are considered a campaign. If placed in two different markets, they do not qualify as a local campaign.

Audio/Radio Advertising—Local

A local **audio/radio** commercial is one that is broadcast on the station(s) of one market (no more than one “metro”). Radio commercials broadcast on stations in more than one “metro” (even if placed on only one station in each of two “metros”) do not qualify as “local.”

41A Single Spot :30 seconds or less

41B Single Spot more than :30 seconds

41C Campaign

2–4 pieces may be submitted from work that qualifies in categories 41A and/or 41B.

Audio/Radio Advertising—Regional/National

A single **audio/radio** commercial that is broadcast in two or more markets (metros), or on national radio networks or streaming outlets.

42A Single Spot :30 seconds or less

42B Single spot more than :30 seconds

42C Campaign

2–4 pieces may be submitted from work that qualifies in categories 42A and/or 42B.

AUDIO/RADIO SELF-PROMOTION

Any advertisement which appears on a **audio/radio** station or outlet, promoting that station.

43A Single Spot—Any Length

43B Campaign

2–4 pieces may be submitted from work that qualifies in category 43A.

TELEVISION ADVERTISING

Television Advertising—Local (One DMA)

A single TV commercial that is broadcast on the station(s) of one market (no more than one DMA). TV commercials broadcast on stations in more than one DMA (even if placed on only one station in each of two DMAs) do not qualify as “local.” If no competition exists in a DMA, the District will direct entrants of correct entry procedure.

44A Single Spot :15 or less

TV Commercial that consumes :15 seconds or less of airtime.

44B Single Spot :30 seconds

TV Commercial that consumes between :16 and :30 seconds or airtime.

44C Single Spot :60 seconds or more

TV commercials longer than :30 seconds should be entered here. Includes all TV “direct marketing” commercials that are longer than one minute, but does not include “Infomercials which should be entered in the Branded Content and Entertainment For Television category #59.

44D Campaign

2–4 pieces may be submitted from work that qualifies in categories 44A, 44B and/or 44C.

Television Advertising—Regional/National

TV commercials which have aired on national broadcast, cable or satellite networks or in more than one local market (DMA).

45A Single Spot—Up to 2:00

45B Campaign

2–4 pieces may be submitted from work that qualifies in category 45A.

TELEVISION SELF-PROMOTION

Television Self Promotion / Local

Any advertisement which appears on a local TV station, promoting that TV station.

46A Single Spot—Any Length

46B Campaign

2–4 pieces may be submitted from work that qualifies in category 46A.

Television Self-Promotion—Regional or National

Any advertisement which appears on a regional or national TV outlet or network, promoting that TV outlet or network.

47A Single Spot—Any Length

47B Campaign

2–4 pieces may be submitted from work that qualifies in category 47A.

ONLINE FILM, VIDEO AND SOUND

Internet Commercial

Any commercial that is created to run on the Internet. Broadcast commercials that also receive Internet runs are not eligible in this category, unless there is a change in content (see “New Creative” under “Eligibility” above). Entry must be submitted as an online video using its URL, not as a digital upload.

48A Single Spot—Any Length

48B Campaign

2–4 pieces may be submitted from work that qualifies in category 48A.

Podcast

A digital media file, or series of such files, that is distributed over the Internet using syndication feeds for playback on portable media or computer. Entries in this category should be a podcast advertising a product or service.

49A Single Podcast

49B Campaign

2–4 pieces may be submitted from work that qualifies in category 49A.

Webisode(s)

An episode or series that airs initially as an Internet download or stream as opposed to first airing on broadcast or cable television. Entry must be submitted as an online video using its URL(s), not as a digital upload.

50A Single Webisode

50B Series

2–4 pieces may be submitted from work that qualifies in category 50A.

BRANDED CONTENT & ENTERTAINMENT

Branded Content & Entertainment for Online Film, Video & Sound

Original content that may or may not directly promote the brand or product, but is created on behalf of the brand. All forms of audio/visual branded content and/or branded entertainment created for and distributed via online and interactive channels.

51A Single Entry—:60 seconds or less

51B Single Entry—more than :60 seconds

52 Branded Content & Entertainment For Television

All forms of audio/visual branded content and/or branded entertainment created for and distributed via broadcast, cable or satellite television. This category is for executions of any length and may include infomercials. Long-form entries must be edited to five minutes or less for judging purposes. Single entry—any length.

53 Branded Content & Entertainment—Non-Broadcast

All forms of audio/visual branded content and/or branded entertainment created for and distributed via methods other than the Internet or television, such as theatrical films and presentation videos. Single entry—short or feature length. Entries in this category must be edited to five minutes or less for judging purposes.

54 Branded Content & Entertainment Campaign

2–4 pieces may be submitted from work that qualifies in categories 51A-53.

CINEMA ADVERTISING

55 Movie Trailer

Single in-theatre commercial trailer for an upcoming theatrical film. This category does not include TV commercials for theatrical films.

56 In-Theatre Commercials or Slides

In-theatre commercials and slides for any product or service other than theatrical films.

SALES PROMOTION

57 Audio/Visual Sales Presentation

Any advertising, promotional and/or marketing message that is conveyed via audio and/or video method usually designed for and directed to specific and/or limited audiences. Entry must be edited to no more than five minutes in length for judging purposes.

MUSIC VIDEOS

58 Music Video

A short film integrating a song and imagery created for the purpose of promoting, marketing and/or advertising the music, performance or artist. Must be edited to a maximum length of 5 minutes.

ADVERTISING INDUSTRY SELF-PROMOTION

59 Advertising Industry Self-Promotion Film, Video & Sound

Any film, video or sound content created as self-promotion material by a member of the advertising industry, regardless of the intended medium. Includes online video, television, radio and demo reels. Single occurrence—any length.

CROSS PLATFORM

NOTE: All entries in the Cross Platform division (excluding Category 63 must be physically submitted after the conclusion of the online entry process. This includes submission of a physical copy of the creative work—SUITABLE FOR IN-PERSON JUDGING and two printed copies of the entry form. Failure to comply with these guidelines could result in disqualification.

INTEGRATED CAMPAIGNS

An integrated campaign is defined as a campaign or series of ads, commercials or executions that utilize more than one medium. The American Advertising Awards allows entries in all Integrated Campaign categories to submit up to ten executions for judging. Integrated Campaign entries may be accompanied by a written or digital (video) summary not to exceed 250 words (written) or 3 minutes (digital). Digital summaries must be submitted by uploading the video file during the online entry process.

Failure to adhere to these limitations may result in a portion or all of the noncompliant entry to be removed from judging.

Integrated Advertising Campaigns

60A B-to-B Campaign—Local

Business-to-business ad campaign using more than one medium that appears in just one market (DMA).

60B B-to-B Campaign—Regional/National

Business-to-business ad campaign using more than one medium that appears in more than one market (DMA).

60C Consumer Campaign—Local

Consumer ad campaign using more than one medium that appears in just one market (DMA).

60D Consumer Campaign—Regional/National

Consumer ad campaign using more than one medium that appears in more than one market (DMA).

61 Integrated Brand Identity Campaign—Local or Regional/National

An Integrated Brand Identity Campaign is defined as a series of mixed elements created to support a brand. Examples might include logo designs, stationery package components, signage, jingles, logo animations, etc. Entries in all Integrated Campaign categories are allowed to include up to ten executions for judging.

62 Integrated Branded Content Campaign—Local or Regional/National

Original content that may or may not directly promote the brand or product, but is created on behalf of the brand. An Integrated Branded Content Campaign is defined as a series of executions representing branded content and/or branded entertainment efforts across more than one medium in support of a single brand and theme (campaign). Entries in all Integrated Campaign categories are allowed to include up to ten executions for judging.

ONLINE/INTERACTIVE CAMPAIGN

63 Online/Interactive Campaign

Up to 10 pieces may be submitted from work that qualifies in categories 31–40 and/or 48–50.

CORPORATE SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

(See CSR advertising guidelines on page 3)

Corporate Social Responsibility Campaigns

64 Integrated Media Corporate Social Responsibility Campaign

A CSR advertising campaign using more than one medium. Entries in all Integrated Campaign categories are allowed to include up to ten executions for judging. Integrated Advertising Campaign entries may be accompanied by a written or digital (video) summary not to exceed 250 words (written) or 3 minutes (digital). Digital summaries must be submitted by uploading the video file during the online entry process.

Failure to adhere to these limitations may result in a portion or all of the offending entry to be removed from judging.

PRO BONO

(See pro bono advertising guidelines on page 3)

Pro Bono Campaigns

65 Integrated Media Pro Bono Campaign

A pro bono advertising campaign using more than one medium. Entries in all Integrated Campaign categories are allowed to include up to ten executions for judging. Integrated Advertising Campaign entries may be accompanied by a written or digital (video) summary not to exceed 250 words (written) or 3 minutes (digital). Digital summaries must be submitted by uploading the video file during the online entry process.

Failure to adhere to these limitations may result in a portion or all of the offending entry to be removed from judging.

ADVERTISING INDUSTRY SELF-PROMOTION

66 Ad Club or Marketing Club

Any advertising created by, or for, an advertising or marketing club that advances the organization's cause (membership, programs, education, awards, events, parties, etc.). All advertising and promotional materials done by, or for, an ad club can be entered only in this category. Please Note: All advertising, marketing, or communications clubs and organizations are eligible to enter this category regardless of their AAF affiliation. For AAF clubs entering American Advertising Awards-related materials, all campaign elements should be entered in the competition year FOLLOWING THE YEAR THEY PROMOTE, regardless of usage date.

Advertising Industry Self-Promotion Campaigns

67A Single-Medium Campaign

2–4 executions from a single medium from any advertising industry self-promotion campaign.

67B Integrated Media Campaign

An advertising industry self-promotion campaign using more than one medium. The American Advertising Awards allows entries in all Integrated Campaign categories to submit up to ten executions for judging. Integrated Advertising Campaign entries should be accompanied by a written or digital (video) summary not to exceed 250 words (written) or 3 minutes (digital). Digital summaries must be submitted by uploading the video file during the online entry process.

Failure to adhere to these limitations may result in a portion or all of the offending entry to be removed from judging.

ELEMENTS OF ADVERTISING

NOTE: All entries in Elements of Advertising categories 68–73 must be physically submitted after the conclusion of the online entry process. This includes submission of a physical copy of the creative work—SUITABLE FOR IN-PERSON JUDGING and two printed copies of the entry form. Failure to comply with these guidelines could result in disqualification. *Digital entries only for categories 74A-87 can be uploaded and do not require a physical entry.*

COPYWRITING

68 Copywriting

Copywriting for any advertising medium.

VISUAL

69 Logo Design

An icon, symbol, or trademark designed to represent a product, service, or organization. Entrant may submit a brief description of the client company and its purpose (max. 50 words) to help the judges understand the logo design objective. Proof of usage is required.

70 Infographic

A representation of information in a graphic format designed to make the data easily understandable. Proof of usage is required.

Illustration

Flat, dimensional or animated illustration, any number of colors.

71A Illustration—Single

71B Illustration—Series

2–4 pieces may be submitted from work that qualifies in category 71A.

Still Photography

72A Black & White—Single

72B Color—Single

72C Digitally Enhanced—Single

Photographic images whose content has been digitally altered to create a new image (often creating an image not possible using traditional photo techniques). Utilitarian photo retouching, color correcting or photo editing alone does not qualify an image for this category. A sample of the original photo(s) MUST be supplied for proper judging.

72D Black & White/Color/ Digitally Enhanced—Campaign

2–4 pieces may be submitted from work that qualifies in category 72A-C.

Art Direction

Art direction for any advertising medium.

73A Art Direction—Single

73B Art Direction—Campaign

2–4 pieces may be submitted from work that qualifies in category 73A.

FILM & VIDEO

74A Cinematography—Single

Cinematography is defined as the art and process of creating motion picture images including considerations of lighting, photography, camera movement and angle. Cinematography for any motion picture project that qualifies as advertising may be considered eligible, regardless of the method of distribution.

74B Cinematography—Campaign

2–4 pieces may be submitted from work that qualifies in category 74A.

75A Animation, Special Effects or Motion Graphics

2D or 3D visual effects, regardless of the creative method for any motion picture project that qualifies as advertising may be considered eligible, regardless of the method of distribution.

75B Computer Generated Imagery (CGI)

Computer graphics to create or contribute to images in art, printed media, video games, films, television programs, shorts, commercials, videos and simulators.

76 Video Editing

Video editing for any motion picture project that qualifies as advertising may be considered eligible, regardless of the method of distribution.

SOUND

77A Music Without Lyrics—Single

Any original musical score without lyrics which was recorded primarily for use in any advertising. Does not include music intended for purchase including music in music videos.

- 77B Music With Lyrics—Single**
Any original music with sung or spoken lyrics, created/composed expressly for advertising. Syndicated materials, including “re-sing” jingles and library music, are not eligible for entry.
- 77C Music With/Without Lyrics—Campaign**
2–4 pieces may be submitted from work that qualifies in category 77A/77B.
- 78 Voiceover Talent**
Audio performance by a narrator, announcer or voice actor in the execution of an advertising message regardless of the audio or visual medium.
- 79A Sound Design—Single**
Any combination of non-musical elements, sound effects, ambience and other sonic devices incorporated into a film or video presentation, television commercial or radio commercial to enhance the mood and/or message.
- 79B Sound Design—Campaign**
2–4 pieces may be submitted from work that qualifies in category 79A.

DIGITAL CREATIVE TECHNOLOGY

- 80 Interface & Navigation**
The creative use of tools, features and overall design of websites and apps in the area of user navigation and interface.
- 81 Responsive Design**
Entries will be judged on overall site design and the quality of the user’s experience when viewed using different devices (browsers, tablets smart phones, etc.)
- 82 GPS & Location Technology**
Creative use of location technology to advance or improve the principal purpose of site or app.
- 83 Augmented Reality**
Creative use of augmented reality technology in the execution of a website or app.
- 84 Mobile Interaction**
Creative integration of mobile technology with other media (such as print, outdoor, etc.) in the execution of an advertising message or campaign.
- 85 User Experience**
The totality of elements that make up the interface of an advertisement, brand message or campaign—including layout, visual design, text, brand, sound, and interaction. Learnability, usability, usefulness, and aesthetic appeal are key factors in users’ experience.
- 86 Data Driven Media**
Innovative use of data-driven digital media that delivers a personalized experience to each user.
- 87 Innovative Use of Interactive / Technology**
Creative, novel and ground-breaking uses of digital technology in the design, development and execution of an advertisement, brand message or campaign.

PUBLIC SERVICE

Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR): Corporate Social Responsibility advertising has a goal for raising the public’s awareness of social, ethical and/or environmental issues **which includes branding that leads to** a positively enhanced corporate image.

All Corporate Social Responsibility advertising must be entered in these categories and does not qualify in any other. Individual elements of Corporate Social Responsibility advertising may be entered into the Elements of Advertising categories for judging, but note there is no specific Corporate Social Responsibility category.

Pro Bono: Pro bono advertising has as its goal the improvement of the public’s health, education and/or welfare. **Charitable organizations are nonprofits whose goal is to benefit the general public** Advertising work done for non-profit social organizations or causes, charities or NGOs designated as a non-profit and exempt from Federal Income Tax under section 501(c)(3) or similar section of the United States Internal Revenue Code should be entered in a Pro Bono **category but not if the entrant had a fully paid budget. Additionally, if significant portions of the work were created using donated resources it would qualify as Pro Bono. Public service advertising work that is performed within normal accepted creative processes (that is with no special budgetary allowances on the part of advertising agencies or in-house teams) should be submitted in the appropriate general categories.**

All Pro Bono advertising must be entered in these categories and does not qualify in any other. Individual elements of Pro Bono advertising may be entered into the Elements of Advertising categories for judging, but note there is no specific Pro Bono category. Please Note: Pro Bono entries and Pro Bono Elements of Advertising entries are not eligible for Best of Show consideration.

SALES & MARKETING

NOTE: All entries in the Sales & Marketing division must be physically submitted after the conclusion of the online entry process. This includes submission of a physical copy of the creative work—SUITABLE FOR IN-PERSON JUDGING and two printed copies of the entry form. Failure to comply with these guidelines could result in disqualification.

CORPORATE SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY COLLATERAL

- 88A Brand Elements**
Stationery, logo, invitations, POS materials, newsletters, etc.
- 88B Annual Report (printed or digital)**
Yearly communications piece, usually with financial data, intended primarily for stockholders or members as a statement or record of a company’s or organization’s annual performance or status.
- 88C Brochure/Sales Kit**
All CSR sales kits, information sheets and brochures.

CORPORATE SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY MARKETING & SPECIALTY ADVERTISING

- 89A Single Unit**
CSR direct marketing, direct mail or specialty advertising.
- 89B Campaign**
2–4 pieces may be submitted from work that qualifies in category 89A.

PRO BONO COLLATERAL

90A Brand Elements

Stationery, logo, invitations, POS materials, newsletters, etc.

90B Annual Report (printed or digital)

Yearly communications piece, usually with financial data, intended primarily for stockholders or members as a statement or record of a company's or organization's annual performance or status.

90C Brochure/Sales Kit

All pro bono sales kits, information sheets and brochures.

PRO BONO MARKETING & SPECIALTY ADVERTISING

91A Single Unit

Pro Bono direct marketing, direct mail or specialty advertising.

91B Campaign

2–4 pieces may be submitted from work that qualifies in category 91A.

PRINT

NOTE: All entries in the Print Advertising division must be physically submitted after the conclusion of the online entry process. This includes submission of a physical copy of the creative work—SUITABLE FOR IN-PERSON JUDGING and two printed copies of the entry form. Failure to comply with these guidelines could result in disqualification.

CORPORATE SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY PRINT ADVERTISING

CSR advertisement placed in any print medium.

92A Single Unit—Any Size

92B Campaign

2–4 pieces may be submitted from work that qualifies in category 92A.

PRO BONO PRINT ADVERTISING

Pro Bono advertisement placed in any print medium.

93A Single Unit—Any Size

93B Campaign

2–4 pieces may be submitted from work that qualifies in category 93A.

OUT-OF-HOME & AMBIENT MEDIA

NOTE: All entries in the Out-of-Home & Ambient Media division must be physically submitted after the conclusion of the online entry process. This includes submission of a physical copy of the creative work—SUITABLE FOR IN-PERSON JUDGING and two printed copies of the entry form. Failure to comply with these guidelines could result in disqualification.

CORPORATE SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY OUT-OF-HOME

94A Poster

Any CSR poster.

94B Out-Of-Home
Any CSR out-of-home advertising.

94C Campaign
2–4 pieces may be submitted from work that qualifies in categories 94A or 94B.

CORPORATE SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY AMBIENT MEDIA

95A Single Occurrence
Any CSR ambient media, including guerrilla marketing, installations and events.

95B Campaign
2–4 pieces may be submitted from work that qualifies in category 95A.

PRO BONO OUT-OF-HOME

96A Poster
Any pro bono poster.

96B Out-Of-Home
Any pro bono out of home advertising.

96C Campaign
2–4 pieces may be submitted from work that qualifies in categories 96A or 96B.

PRO BONO AMBIENT MEDIA

97A Single Occurrence
Any pro bono ambient media, including guerrilla marketing, installations and events.

97B Campaign
2–4 pieces may be submitted from work that qualifies in category 97A.

ONLINE/INTERACTIVE

NOTE: Entries for categories within the Online/Interactive division do not require physical submission. Judging of these entries will be done online, using the digital content provided via URL or by JPEG screenshots during the online entry process.

98A Corporate Social Responsibility Online/Interactive
Single CSR entries for Online/Interactive—excluding Corporate Social Responsibility Online Film, Video & Sound which should be entered in category 64.

98B Corporate Social Responsibility Online/Interactive Campaign
2–4 pieces may be submitted from work that qualifies in category 98A.

99A Pro Bono Online/Interactive
Single Pro Bono entries for Online/Interactive—excluding Pro Bono Online Film, Video & Sound which should be entered in category 65.

99B Pro Bono Online/Interactive Campaign
2–4 pieces may be submitted from work that qualifies in category 99A.

FILM, VIDEO & SOUND

NOTE: Entries for categories within the Film/Video & Sound division do not require physical submission. Judging of these entries will be done using the digital content provided via URL or uploaded during the online entry process.

- 100 Corporate Social Responsibility Television**
Any CSR TV advertising. Single spot—any length.
- 101 Corporate Social Responsibility Radio**
Any CSR radio advertising. Single spot—any length.
- 102 Corporate Social Responsibility Film, Video & Sound**
CSR advertising content that appears online in its original form. Examples can include Internet commercials or webisodes. Single occurrence—any length.
- 103 Corporate Social Responsibility Non-Broadcast Audio/Visual**
CSR advertising content that is not created for television, radio or online use. Examples include presentation videos or cinema advertising. Single occurrence—any length.
- 104 Corporate Social Responsibility Campaign**
Campaign consisting of 2–4 executions of categories 100-103.
- 105 Pro Bono Television**
Any pro bono TV advertising. Single spot—any length.
- 106 Pro Bono Radio**
Any pro bono radio advertising. Single spot—any length.
- 107 Pro Bono Online Film, Video & Sound**
Pro Bono advertising content that appears online in its original form. Examples can include Internet commercials or webisodes. Single occurrence—any length.
- 108 Pro Bono Non-Broadcast Audio/Visual**
Pro Bono advertising content that is not created for television, radio or online use. Examples include presentation videos or cinema advertising. Single occurrence—any length.
- 109 Pro Bono Campaign**
Campaign consisting of 2–4 executions of 105–108.

POLITICAL ADVERTISING

Political Advertising is advertising used for advocating, fundraising, endorsement of or opposition to a candidate, political issue, referendum, ballot proposition, constitutional amendment, or political party.

Any political or issue advertising placed by a corporate entity which includes branding for a corporation must be entered in the CSR categories. All advertising must comply with federal, state and local political advertising regulations or may be disqualified.

- 110 Political Print Collateral Material**
Stationery, invitations, direct mail, packaging, newsletters, brochures and special advertising such as t-shirts or a promotional product such as pens, bumper stickers, door hangers etc.
- 111 Political Print Advertising**
Any size ad placed in any print medium such as magazines and newspapers.
- 112 Political Out-of-Home & Ambient Media**
Posters, installations, events, outdoor boards, guerrilla marketing. Guerilla marketing entries must include proof of usage and should be accompanied by a written or digital (video) summary not to exceed 250 words or 3-minute video. Digital summaries must be submitted by uploading the video file.
- 113 Political Online/Interactive**
Websites, microsites, social media. Judging of these entries will be done online, using the digital content provided via URL or by JPEG screenshots during the online entry process.
- 114 Political Broadcast Television**
Television ads (any length)
- 115 Political Audio**
Radio ads (any length), podcasts
- 116 Political Non-Broadcast and Online Video**
Internet commercials/webisodes. Entries must be submitted as an online video using its URL, not as a digital upload.
- 117 Political Campaign**
Single medium campaign in any of the above categories consisting of 2–4 executions.
- 118 Political Integrated Campaign**
A series of ads, commercials, or executions that utilize more than one medium. Up to ten executions may be submitted for judging. Integrated campaigns may be accompanied by a written or video summary not to exceed 250 words (written) or 3 minutes (video).

NOTE: Additional Local Only Categories may be added at the discretion of the local or district organization.

LOCAL ONLY

NOTE: *Winners in these categories are only eligible to win at the local level. There will be one winner selected for both The One That Got Away and the Culturally Legit awards.*

THE ONE THAT GOT AWAY AWARD

Genuine work that was created with the intention of actually being produced but was not, for whatever reason. To be entered in this category the work must have been presented to a client, department head, etc. When you enter this category and sign your entry form, you're certifying this is true. Entries can be campaigns, print ads, a website, radio spot, etc. This is a "local" award and winning work will not be forwarded to the district or national level of the American Advertising Awards. **NEW: A narrative, not to exceed 250 words, may accompany the submission and tell the story of why the work was not used (recommended).**

COST: Fee is only \$25 per entry and must be entered through the online entry software on the AAF-Louisville website. Category: LOCAL ONLY, with the subcategory The One That Got Away. Where asked when work first appeared, please indicate date it was created.

CULTURALLY LEGIT AWARD

This local-only award will be given to one entry that demonstrates a strong understanding of diversity in the widest spectrum of the word diversity and inclusion. First and foremost, the winner must be an original and innovative idea at its core and directed at its audience with a clear, creative message. The selected entry must contain a true degree of authenticity to the receiving audience for which it is intended and identify with a "real world" relevance beyond stereotypes. The work must exhibit a strong sense of belief in the power of creativity to create change and be a force for good; belief in the brands and business's crucial role of in creating a better, fairer, more sustainable world. Overall, the work must add to the depiction of holistic communities that genuinely perceive today's dynamic and multi-dimensional society. **NEW: The Culturally Legit Award will no longer require a separate submission in the entry software. All work submitted in any category will be eligible for this award. The judges will select the winner from the entire competition, based on the outlined criteria above.**