

**Requirements:**

1. All contestants must be affiliated with a participating County Mock Trial team.
2. **All participants must complete the entry fee form & pay a \$75.00 fee.**
3. All participants must be registered on CRF's online registration authorizing the publication or reprinting of their Journalism Contest submissions for educational purposes. No financial compensation will be awarded.
4. All contestants must attend the Journalist Meeting on Friday, March 21<sup>st</sup>.
5. Contestants may only watch and report on their own county team's trials.
6. All contestants **must write their articles based on their county team's Round 2 trial.**
7. Typed submissions must be a 12 point Times New Roman font, with one-inch margins, double-spaced, and a page limit of two pages. Any articles over two pages will not be read.
8. Submitted articles should be in the voice of a reporter covering a criminal trial. Use of dictionaries and thesauruses will be permitted.

**Submission instructions:**

1. Collect your "Press Badge"/nametag at the journalist/artist check-in table.
2. During Round 2, journalists must sit in the jury box in a row below the scorers. If a scorer/presider asks you not to sit in the jury box, you may sit in the front row of spectator seating, away from witnesses.
3. Please introduce yourself to the scorers (they will be sitting in the jury box) and the presider (she/he will be sitting on the bench).
4. Once you are seated, you **may not have any contact with anyone from your county** (parents, teachers, or fellow students). You must draft your article completely independently.
5. After Round 2, all contestants must type and email their articles to [lourdes@crf-usa.org](mailto:lourdes@crf-usa.org) by 5:00 p.m. that same day.
6. Contestants may refer to the California Mock Trial case materials, the Journalism Reporters Handbook, and the Judging criteria during the contest.
7. Awards for the Journalism Contest will be presented at the Award Ceremony on Sunday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>.

**Journalist Submissions must be emailed by 5:00p.m., on Saturday, March 22<sup>nd</sup> to [lourdes@crf-usa.org](mailto:lourdes@crf-usa.org).**