

November 21, 2018

Dear Friend,

I would like to invite you to submit entries for consideration for the National Council on Crime and Delinquency's 2019 [Media for a Just Society Awards](#). The Media for a Just Society Awards are the only national recognition of media whose work furthers public understanding of criminal justice, juvenile justice, child welfare, and adult protection issues. We seek stories that illustrate current realities or the promise of reform, especially those that help people understand the complex issues surrounding the nation's social systems.

Categories include book, film, print/online journalism, radio, television/video, and youth media. Past winners include author Nell Bernstein (*Burning Down the House: The End of Juvenile Prison*), filmmaker Malik Vitthal (*Imperial Dreams*), journalist Ta-Nehisi Coates ("The Black Family in the Age of Mass Incarceration"), author Reginald Dwayne Betts (*Bastards of the Reagan Era*), filmmaker Ava DuVernay (*13th*), and other illustrious journalists, writers, and filmmakers.

The deadline for submissions is December 31, 2018. NCCD will announce the Media for a Just Society Awards finalists and winners in 2019.

Education of the public is an essential link in the creation of transformative policies related to these issues. The media are uniquely positioned to be this link, and we gratefully acknowledge their efforts to fulfill that responsibility. We appreciate your time and look forward to receiving your submissions.

Sincerely,



Kathy Park
Chief Executive Officer

ELIGIBILITY

Media for a Just Society Award submissions and nominations should help to further public understanding of criminal justice, juvenile justice, child welfare, or adult protection issues. All works must be original and published, broadcast, or released between January 1, 2018, and December 31, 2018.

AWARD CATEGORIES

- Book
- Film
- Print/Online Journalism
- Radio/Podcast
- Television/Video
- Youth Media

Possible Entry Types per Category

Book

- Fiction
- Nonfiction

Film

- Nationally released, first-run
- Independent
- Touring or local live production

Print/Online Journalism

- Investigative reporting, features
- Series (represented by two pieces maximum)

Radio/Podcast

- Spot news, segment
- Podcast productions
- Original or collaborative productions

Television/Video

- Comedy or dramatic series/episode
- Children's programming
- Documentary
- Movie, miniseries, special
- Interview program or segment
- Network, syndicate, local, or cable

Youth Media

- Media created by youth and young adults, under age 25
- Entries must also fit into one of the other five categories

SUBMISSIONS POLICY

There is no entry fee. **An official entry form must be filled out online for each submission.** The form and detailed instructions are available on our [website](#). Entries must be submitted by the creators of the work or their representatives. If you would like to nominate someone else's work, please contact the NCCD communications team at communications@nccdglobal.org.

For each entry, please type the URL to your work in the online form. If your work is not available at no charge in digital format or online—for example, a book or DVD—please send three copies to the address below, postmarked by December 31, 2018. **Be sure to clearly label the work with your name and entry title** so it can be matched up with your online entry form.

If your work is not in digital format, please submit three copies to:

Media for a Just Society Awards, NCCD
426 S. Yellowstone Dr.
Madison, WI 53719

DEADLINE

The submission deadline for works released in 2018 is **December 31, 2018**. An online entry form is required for each piece submitted. If you are mailing your work, please be sure it is postmarked by December 31.

JUDGING AND SELECTION CRITERIA

Winners will be selected based on the following criteria.

- **Accuracy:** The piece provides responsible and factual coverage of issues related to criminal justice, juvenile justice, child welfare, and adult protection.
- **Insight:** The piece increases the public's understanding of the social systems or issues NCCD works with—what are the problems, and what needs to be done?
- **Originality:** The piece is creative, imaginative, and/or provides a new angle on an issue.
- **Craftsmanship/artistry:** The piece is well written, well organized, and clear. For audio/visual, the piece is well recorded and well edited.

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