

# NOMINATION FORM

## Valley of the Sun Chapter Arizona Freedom of Information Awards 2012

**Deadline:** March 9, 2012

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

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### CHECK CATEGORY OF NOMINATION:

☐ First Amendment Award

Circle division: 1      2      3      4

☐ Sunshine Award

Circle division: 1      2

☐ Phil Alvidrez Award for Excellence in  
Journalism

☐ Lloyd Clark "How it Made Print"  
Award

☐ The Order of the Silver Key Award

**NOMINATION FORMS ARE AVAILABLE  
AT [WWW.PHOENIXSPJ.ORG](http://WWW.PHOENIXSPJ.ORG). Mail to:**

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## 2011 AWARDS RECEPTION

Awards will be presented the afternoon of Saturday, April 21, at the chapter's annual Arizona Freedom of Information Awards reception at the Heard Museum, 2301 N. Central Ave., Phoenix.

### ABOUT THESE AWARDS

The Valley of the Sun Chapter of SPJ does not present first-, second- or third-place awards. Instead, the awards honor great journalism and great journalists – and non-journalists – whose efforts honorably demonstrate the right of freedom of information. The right, exercised by full access to government through public records and open meetings, is indispensable. Without it, citizens whose responsibility it is to monitor government activity to keep it from interfering with our liberties would be powerless to do so. As such, there is no limit to the number of honorees the chapter may select. Members of the chapter's Awards Committee and Board of Directors have the discretion to honor as few or as many nominees as they choose.

### ABOUT SPJ

The Society of Professional Journalists works to improve and protect journalism. SPJ is dedicated to encouraging the free practice of journalism and stimulating high standards of ethical behavior. Founded in 1909 as a collegiate journalism honorary, *Sigma Delta Chi*, and based in Indianapolis, SPJ promotes the free flow of information vital to a well-informed citizenry; works to inspire and educate the next generation of journalists; and protects First Amendment guarantees of freedom of speech and press.

### ABOUT OUR CHAPTER

The Valley of the Sun Professional Chapter of the Society of Professional Journalists was chartered in 1958, 49 years after the society's original founding as *Sigma Delta Chi*. We are dedicated to the belief that quality and responsible journalism are the foundations of a free and informed America.

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## CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

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# ARIZONA FREEDOM OF INFORMATION AWARDS 2012

Honoring print, broadcast  
and online journalists for  
outstanding commitment  
to First Amendment and  
FOI issues in 2011

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**ELIGIBILITY:** Journalists and non-journalists based in Arizona whose work has been published, broadcast or disseminated online in a recognized Arizona publication, broadcast outlet or website (unless otherwise noted in the individual award description). \*Nominating forms are available at [www.phoenixspj.org](http://www.phoenixspj.org).

**ENTRY FEE:** None

**PERIOD COVERED:** Calendar year of 2011

**PREPARATION OF NOMINATION:** Each nomination must include the following:

- 1) Cover letter from the editor or news director of the sponsoring organization;
- 2) Completed entry form copied from this pamphlet;
- 3) Completed nomination for download from the chapter's website: [www.phoenixspj.org](http://www.phoenixspj.org); and
- 4) All associated material, where applicable. See below.

## **Print**

Original tear sheets are preferred, mounted on 8-inch by 11.5-inch paper.

## **TV**

DVD of the entry should accompany cover letter and entry form.

## **Radio**

CD of the entry should accompany cover letter and entry form.

## **Online**

Links to currently posted material should be noted if applicable. Printouts of content or printed screen-shots of older articles/posts also are accepted.

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## **FIRST AMENDMENT AWARDS**

Honoring published or broadcast work in 2011 that involved significant reliance on public records or open meetings.

**Division 1:** Print (any circ.)

**Division 2:** Television

**Division 3:** Radio

**Division 4:** Online

## **SUNSHINE AWARDS**

Honoring Arizonans – both journalists and non-journalists – whose actions helped foster greater openness in government in 2011 through improved access to public records or open meetings.

### **Division 1:**

Journalists actively employed in the print, broadcast or online industry in Arizona during 2011.

### **Division 2:**

Non-journalists, including but not limited to educators, elected officials, activists, and more, either residing in Arizona or working on behalf of FOI issues in Arizona during 2011.



## **THE PHIL ALVIDREZ AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN JOURNALISM**

Honoring an Arizona journalist from any medium who has demonstrated a continuous commitment over time to high standards of ethical professional conduct and a spirited defense of the First Amendment or Freedom of Information issues. Named for the former KTVK-TV news director and FOI crusader.

## **THE LLOYD CLARK “HOW IT MADE PRINT” AWARD**

Honoring print journalists (all circulations) responsible for a published story, photograph, or graphic design whose own story of how it became reality is exceptional. Unusually difficult circumstances, or unusual tenacity in pursuing the story will be the hallmark of the subject of the winning entry. Entries need not have been published in 2011. Self-nominated entries encouraged. Includes a cash award. Named for one of the founders of the Phoenix SPJ Chapter.

## **THE ORDER OF THE SILVER KEY**

Honoring journalists from any medium with at least 25 years of experience in the state of Arizona (consecutive or cumulative) whose careers exemplify high standards and consistent, top-quality journalism.

## **AWARDS RECEPTION**

**When:** 12:00 p.m. Saturday, April 21, 2012

**Where:** Heard Museum, Monte Vista Room

**Address:** 2301 N. Central Ave.

**Attire:** Business casual

A social mixer will begin at Noon, followed by the awards event, which includes non-alcoholic beverages and heavy hors d'oeuvres, as well as a raffle and silent auction.