



Printing & Graphics Association MidAtlantic

Companies that take home **The Grand Q** are recognized as the best in their particular niche, and have the business to prove it. To see how your work stacks up, select any projects your firm worked on in 2020 through 2021, and enter in any of 49 categories. All entries must be received by January 14, 2022.

1. PGAMA members can enter one piece in the competition at no cost. Additional entries are \$30 each. Non-members pay for all entries at the Non-member rate of \$70 each. (Display fees and certificate fees still apply.)
2. The entering firm must have performed the majority of the work in any category being judged, and must have sold the job to the end customer. (Ad agencies are considered end customers.)
3. Entries must have been produced between 2020 through 2021. Reprints are acceptable if not previous EIP winners.
4. You may enter as many pieces as you wish in any category. Any one piece may be entered in up to three categories, but may win only one Best of Category (BOC). Entry fees apply for each category.
5. All entries become the property of PGAMA.
6. Entries are judged by a committee of graphic arts experts from outside our region who evaluate the quality of printing, including degree of difficulty and technical expertise. Characteristics considered include application of color, registration, crossovers, and diecuts.
7. In addition to the BOC awards, other awards include: Grand Q (selected from all BOC entries); Digital Q (selected from all BOC Digital Press pieces); Binding & Finishing Q; and special presentations for Best Use of Color, Best Use of Design, Best 4-C Reproduction, Best Use of Paper, Best Photography, Judge's Choice, People's Choice, Spirit of Excellence, Best Overall Performance, Designers Choice & **NEW THIS YEAR: Wide Format Q.**
8. To enter, **submit two (2)** clean, unmounted samples of the piece(s) entered with a completed entry form attached to each. Entry forms are on the back. Forms may be photocopied or call PGAMA for additional entry forms, 877-319-0906. **COMPLETED PAYMENT FORM MUST ALSO BE ATTACHED.** Entries submitted without payment will not be valid.

"Excellence in Print has been a great way to grow our business. We've been participating for many years and this competition just keeps getting better and better. It's a great way to motivate our staff by putting them in the limelight."

Rusty Coolidge, Corporate Communications Group

"Excellence in Print is a showcase for the best work the Mid-Atlantic has to offer. Winning an award not only highlights your company, but it promotes your team and gives your client's validation."

Scott Kravitz, Ironmark

Excellence in Print 2022 Entry Categories

1. Announcements & Invitations
2. Annual Reports
3. Art Reproductions
4. Book Covers & Jackets
5. Booklets: Small, up to 6x9
6. Booklets, Large, over 6x9
7. Books: Case Bound
8. Books: Paper Covered
9. Brochures & Pamphlets
10. Calendars
11. Catalogs: Company Capabilities
12. Catalogs: Institutional
13. Catalogs: Product Oriented
14. Engraving
15. Envelopes
16. Folders, Presentation Kits & Portfolios
17. Greeting Cards
18. Labels - printed - sheet fed
19. Labels - printed - web
20. Letterpress
21. Magazines (*published more than yearly*)
22. Maps
23. Menus
24. Miscellaneous (*no other category applies*)
25. Newsletters
26. Inserts, Circulars & Flyers
27. Packaging
28. Point of Purchase Material
29. Post Cards & Self-Mailers
30. Posters
31. Printer's Self-Advertising (*print only*)
32. Programs
33. Sales Campaigns (*3 or more pieces*)
34. Screen Printing
- 35a. Wide Format - Signs
- 35b. Wide Format - Displays
- 35c. Wide Format - Wraps (*submit a sample section & photo of completed project*)
- 35d. Wide Format - Unique Substrates: metal, glass, plastic, wood, etc. (*submit 1/4 scale of the substrate and photo of completed project*)
- 35e. Wide Format Unique application/installation (*submit small scale, photo, video of project being assembled*)
36. Stamping
37. Embossing
- 38a. Die Cutting
- 38b. Laser Cutting
39. Stamping/Embossing/Die Cutting Combo* (*2 or more of these processes done in your plant*)
40. Finishing/Binding
41. Stationery - Individual or Matched Sets
42. Vinyl Binders
43. Web Press Printed Piece Heat Set
44. Web Press Printed Piece Cold Set
45. Web Press Printed Piece Ink Jet 4-Color
46. Process Web & Sheetfed
47. Impossible Job (*Explanation on separate sheet.*)
48. Unique Direct Mail Solution (*Explanation on separate sheet.*)
49. Website Design - email to debbie@pgama.com

PAYMENT FORM

NO FEE* FOR 1ST ENTRY FOR PGAMA MEMBERS!

First entry **FREE** for PGAMA Members Only. Display & award/certificate fees apply.

Additional entries: \$30 per entry for members. Non-member entry fee: \$70 each. Non-members are required to pay with credit cards.

Company Name: _____ # of Entries: _____

Payment Type: Check Credit Card

Card Account # _____ Exp: _____ CID: _____

Name on Card: _____

Billing Address: _____

Signature of Cardholder: _____

Person Completing Form: _____

Email (for receipt): _____ **TOTAL PAID:** _____

Would you like to automatically receive certificates for pieces earning Awards of Excellence? (\$20/ea for members \$30/ea for non-members) Yes No

Submit to: 9160 Red Branch Rd., Suite E-9, Columbia, MD 21045

Award Entries Due by January 14, Submit 2 copies of each entry to: 9160 Red Branch Rd., Suite E-9 Columbia, MD 21045, 1st Entry is FREE, remember to include payment for each additional entry

