

2026 CMA Awards
Submission
Guidelines



Entry Submissions

The CMA Awards celebrate Canada's leading marketing campaigns and professionals. Annually we bring the marketing community together to witness the best of the best and award creative excellence.

The Annual CMA Awards, celebrating over 58 years of excellence in marketing, is now open for campaign entries. This iconic award show honors the best creative talent and ground-breaking campaigns across many different creative disciplines.

We are pleased to announce that Early Bird Pricing will be available on April 27th, 2026.

CMA encourages submitting entries early by offering multiple deadlines with increasing entry fee rates. The early-bird deadline offers the lowest entry fee. Entry fees are increased for the final deadline with pricing surcharge for non-member taking effect in the last few days.

Type	Duration	Member Fee Per Entry	Non-Member Fee Per Entry
Early Bird	April 27- June 11 <i>Deadline is June 11 at 1pm ET</i>	\$360	\$500
Regular	June 11 – July 03 <i>Deadline is July 03 at 1pm ET</i>	\$460	\$700
Final	July 03 – July 17 <i>Deadline is July 17 at 1pm ET</i>	\$460	\$850
Extensions*	July 17 – July 21 <i>Deadline is July 21 at 5pm ET</i>	\$560	\$1,050

*Signature Awards Deadline Extension Fees

The final deadline extension to submit is July 21st at 5:00 PM ET. To request this extension, please contact awards@thecma.ca prior to July 21st.

The following Featured Awards are complimentary to enter, deadline August 6th at 1:00 PM ET:

- Featured Award: Best Use of AI Award, Sponsored by Deloitte (NEW)
- Featured Award: Canada Post Direct Mail Award
- Featured Award: Cineplex Media Best in Cinema Marketing Award
- Featured Award: Content Creator Award (NEW)
- Featured Award: Environics Analytics Data-Driven Marketing Award
- Featured Award: Global Creative Award
- Featured Award: The Inclusive Marketing Award, presented by RBC (NEW)
- Featured Award: LinkedIn Business Innovation Award
- Featured Award: TikTok Power of Entertainment Award
- Featured Award: The Trade Desk Open Internet Marketing Award (NEW)

The following Premiere Awards are complimentary to enter, Deadline September 1, 1:00 PM ET:

- IGM Financial Marketer of the Year
- Achievement in Marketing Award
- Lifetime Achievement Award

Entry Submissions

In this guide you find screen shots of what to expect when completing your submission. This will provide you with a guideline of the type of information that you will need to collect.

At the end of this guide, you will find some FAQs.

We wish you the best of luck when entering your submission.

Disciplines

Discipline	Description
Brand Building	<p>Brand Building Long-term marketing initiatives whose primary objective is to influence or shift brand perception at scale. Campaigns must be in-market for a minimum of four months to demonstrate sustained impact with strong results.</p> <p>*Note: Short-term campaigns under four months should be submitted under the Business/Brand Impact discipline..</p> <p>Success is defined by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Achieving excellence in creativity and strategy, with the ability to show positive long-term business results based on stated objectives and KPIs. Results provided can vary (ex: sales, brand lift, measured insights, results and media).• Great campaigns can also showcase a range of media and technology: digital, social, broadcast, out-of-home, print, as well as direct (not mandatory).• Campaign can be a product launch or traditional brand category. <p>Measurement & Evaluation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Results should be explained in context relative to the campaign’s scale, category norms, and stated objectives.• Benchmarks, baselines, or year-over-year comparisons are encouraged where meaningful and available, but are not mandatory.
Business/Brand Impact	<p>Business/Brand Impact Short term campaigns play a vital role in the success of building business through activating a rapid consumer response. As compared with “Brand Building”, these efforts are designed to generate immediate outcomes, within one day to four months in market.</p> <p>*Note: Campaigns designed to strengthen long-term brand equity should be submitted under Brand Building discipline.</p> <p>These campaigns should demonstrate:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Seasonal or tactical advertising• The ability to drive positive outcomes as stated by the client’s objectives including increase in sales, web or store traffic, event participation or rapid change in consumer behavior, increase in acquisition (which may include e-commerce success), conversation rates, retention and leads.• Provide the KPI that this campaign was designed to meet and how the campaign delivered against them.• An insightful, creative, or innovative means of engaging the consumer in any form(s) of media including broadcast, social, experiential digital, print, OOH, or direct <p>Measurement & Evaluation:</p>

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Customer Experience & Shopper Marketing	<p>Customer Experience & Shopper Marketing</p> <p>While distinct in scope, Customer Experience, and Shopper Marketing share a common goal: building stronger, more valuable relationships between brands, and their customers. Shopper marketing influences purchase decisions at critical moments in the retail or commerce environment. Customer Experience operates at a broader level — designing and delivering every interaction a person has with a brand across the full lifecycle, from first contact through long-term loyalty. Together, this discipline recognizes work that shapes how customers feel, decide, and behave at every stage of their relationship with a brand.</p> <p>Shopper Marketing focuses on influencing purchase behaviour through retailer partnerships, commerce environments, and activation-based tactics, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Sweepstakes or ContestsOnline CouponingGifts with Purchase (GWP)Retail and In-Store ActivityE-Commerce and Online ActivitySamplingPartnerships and SponsorshipsAccount-Based MarketingChannel Partner Marketing Programs <p>Customer Experience focuses on the design and delivery of brand-led interactions across the end-to-end customer relationship, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Onboarding and Welcome Programs• Loyalty and Retention Strategies• Service Design and Experience Innovation• Digital Engagement and Personalization• Customer Lifecycle Journey Management• Packaging as Experience• Event Activations <p>Entries may focus on a single touchpoint or span multiple stages of the customer journey — whether targeting new acquisition, driving repeat purchase, deepening loyalty, strengthening partner relationships, or elevating the overall brand experience.</p> <p>Measurement & Evaluation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Shopper Marketing entries should demonstrate influence on purchase decisions through metrics such as conversion, sell-through, basket lift, or retailer outcomes• Customer Experience entries should demonstrate improvement in customer perception, satisfaction, retention, usage, or lifecycle progression

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Engagement	<p>Engagement builds and sustains meaningful dialogue between brands and their audiences—whether B2B, B2C, partners, or employees. Unlike one-off campaigns, engagement discipline's primary objective is to build and deepen ongoing relationships with a defined audience over time. This discipline encompasses work that creates ongoing interaction across two primary approaches:</p> <p><i>Broad reach engagement</i> uses social media, influencer partnerships, and community platforms to spark continued exposure and dialogue through:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Responses to current news or cultural moments• Public interest topics and conversations• Influencer collaborations• Product launches or organizational updates <p><i>Targeted relationship engagement</i> uses CRM, loyalty programs, or 1:1 channels to drive progression through specific customer lifecycle moments: • Acquisition and onboarding</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Welcome and activation sequences• Cross-sell and upsell strategies• Retention, reactivation, or win-back programs• End-to-end lifecycle journey orchestration <p>Measurement & Evaluation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Success should demonstrate meaningful interaction or relationship progression aligned to objectives• Reach or impressions alone are not sufficient without evidence of interaction quality and relevance• Results should be explained in context (audience size, baseline, prior performance where available)

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Innovative Media	<p>Innovative Media</p> <p>Innovative Media redefines what's possible when media strategy becomes a creative force—not just a distribution channel, but the engine that accelerates ideas and transforms how audiences experience brands. This discipline recognizes work that challenges traditional media applications, unlocks new audience behaviors, and establishes new standards for the industry. Winning entries demonstrate how media strategy itself drives innovation through:</p> <p><i>Reimagining existing channels</i> to disrupt category norms and unlock disproportionate impact:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Breaking from traditional channel applications to create unexpected brand experiences• Leveraging familiar platforms in ways that fundamentally shift audience behavior• Turning media constraints into creative opportunities that amplify results <p><i>Pioneering emerging platforms</i> to establish new possibilities before they become standard practice:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Early adoption that shapes how brands can use new technologies or channels• Media-led strategies where the platform choice itself transforms the creative execution• Approaches that live beyond the initial moment and influence broader industry thinking <p>Entries must demonstrate how the media strategy accelerated creative ideas and drove measurable business impact. Strong submissions go beyond the client brief or pivot from traditional brand norms, showcasing media innovation that doesn't just reach audiences—it fundamentally changes how they interact with brands.</p> <p>Measurement & Evaluation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Innovation should be explained in context—why this approach was disruptive for the category, audience, or channel itself• Entries must demonstrate business effectiveness, not novelty alone• Results should show disproportionate impact relative to investment, audience size, or category benchmarks

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Public Relations	<p data-bbox="351 439 537 462">Public Relations</p> <p data-bbox="351 472 2504 568">Public Relations is a critical discipline of skillfully communicating an organization, individual or program’s message, using a variety of earned, owned, paid and shared tactics, to build mutually beneficial relationships with the public, which helps to build brand reputation. A public relations strategy could include earned media campaigns, events, social media and stakeholder communications, among other activities.</p> <p data-bbox="351 639 800 662">Entries can cover many areas including:</p> <ul data-bbox="351 672 1047 1033" style="list-style-type: none"><li data-bbox="351 672 588 695">• Crisis management<li data-bbox="351 705 1047 728">• Corporate social responsibility/Social Causes/Cause Related<li data-bbox="351 738 601 761">• Brand development<li data-bbox="351 771 614 793">• Community relations<li data-bbox="351 803 555 826">• Media relations<li data-bbox="351 836 621 859">• Government relations<li data-bbox="351 869 614 892">• Influencer campaigns<li data-bbox="351 902 682 925">• Corporate communications<li data-bbox="351 935 608 958">• Event or Experiential<li data-bbox="351 968 677 991">• Employee communications<li data-bbox="351 1001 787 1023">• Mergers, Acquisitions & Divestitures <p data-bbox="351 1139 682 1162">Measurement & Evaluation:</p> <ul data-bbox="351 1172 2525 1268" style="list-style-type: none"><li data-bbox="351 1172 2525 1233">• Success should be demonstrated through credibility, influence, engagement, stakeholder response, reputational impact, behavioral change, business impact, and/or earned media outcomes presented in context.<li data-bbox="351 1239 1077 1262">• Earned Media volume alone does not determine effectiveness.

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Sponsorship & Partnership (NEW)	<p>Sponsorship initiatives strengthen brand relevance, deepen audience connection, and create unique opportunities for engagement by leveraging partnerships with sports, arts, culture, entertainment, community, or media properties. These programs use the equity and reach of the sponsored property to authentically align a brand with audiences and deliver meaningful business and brand-building impact.</p> <p>Sponsorship campaigns can be short-term or long-term and should demonstrate how the partnership enabled distinct value or access that could not be achieved through traditional marketing alone. Entries must demonstrate that the partnership provided unique rights, access, or integration that could not be achieved through standard paid media.</p> <p>Programs may include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• In-venue activations• Content integration• Experiential moments• Media amplification• Influencer or talent partnerships• Community programs• Retail tie-ins• Digital and social extensions <p>Success is defined by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• A strong strategic fit between the brand and the sponsored property, including clear audience alignment, shared values, or mutual objectives.• Effective and creative use of sponsorship assets, demonstrating how rights, access, content, talent, or experiences were activated in compelling and innovative ways.• Integrated execution across relevant channels (digital, social, broadcast, experiential, retail, influencer, PR, content, or media — where appropriate).• Measurable results aligned to the stated KPIs, which may include brand lift, awareness, perception change, engagement, sales impact, participation, community outcomes, or customer behaviour.• Evidence of mutual benefit, showcasing how both the brand and the property gained value through the partnership. <p>Measurement & Evaluation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Clearly articulate the strategic rationale for selecting the property.• Demonstrate how sponsorship rights were activated beyond logo placement or passive presence.• Present results in context relative to objectives, scale, and partnership structure.• Benchmarks, baselines, or year-over-year comparisons are encouraged where meaningful but not mandatory.

Categories

Automotive	Business	Consumer Products & Services
<p>Product and services include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Manufacturers • Dealers • Aftermarket • Automotive services <p>Scope Guidance:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use this category when the primary product or service relates directly to vehicles or automotive services. 	<p>B2B product and services include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Information technologies (ex: hardware, software and networking system infrastructure) • Transportation • Delivery • Professional services (ex. real estate, legal, etc.) • Business self-promotion (a company promoting to other businesses) <p>Scope Guidance:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use this category when the primary target audience is another business rather than consumers. 	<p>Products intended for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Personal care • For use in the home <p>These can include consumer goods, books, electronics, beauty products, consumer devices/software, sports/leisure equipment, clothing Entertainment services, cable, media, mobile, internet (not in a retail environment)</p> <p>*Excluding F&B, automotive, financial and health care products. Refer to these categories.</p> <p>Scope Guidance:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use this category when the product brand is the primary advertiser (not the retailer).
Financial	Food & Beverage	HealthCare
<p>All financial product and services from financial institutions and include programs developed around:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lead generation • Traffic building • Customer service • Order generation • Database building • Retention or acquisition <p>These can include all banking services, credit (cards), insurance, investment, new products, improving accessibility, and wealth management.</p> <p>Scope Guidance:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Applies to financial institutions and financial-product-led campaigns. 	<p>Products intended for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consumer consumption <p>*Excluding products for health care, personal care or for the home.</p> <p>Scope Guidance:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use this category when the primary offering is a food or beverage product (as opposed to a retailer or restaurant brand campaign). 	<p>Products (OTC included) and/or services intended for maintenance and improvement of physical and mental health campaigns supporting pharmaceutical, health & wellness clinics/centres and hospitals.</p> <p>Scope Guidance:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Commercial healthcare products and services including pharmaceutical brands, OTC products, clinics, and wellness providers. • Hospital foundation fundraising or charitable healthcare initiatives should be submitted under Social Causes.

Categories

Retail/Consumer Businesses

Initiated by:

- Retailers (off-line and online) including restaurants, gyms, and automotive retailers
- Dealers
- Distributors, delivery services
- Manufacturers
- Food services stores to build traffic and sales

These include catalogue and e-commerce websites and other interactive methods that include product information and ordering devices.

Scope Guidance:

- Use this category when the retailer or point-of-sale brand is the primary advertiser driving the campaign (not the product manufacturer).

Social Causes

This includes:

- NGO
- PSAs
- Charities
- Fund-raising
- Causes
- Foundations
- Associations, government, public sector supporting a specific social cause.

Scope Guidance:

- Includes nonprofit and charitable healthcare fundraising (including hospital foundations) to reduce overlap with Healthcare.

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Background and Marketing Challenge/Objectives	Strategy/Insights
<p>Identify the key business challenge, market and competitive insights that led to this campaign. Could also be driven by an internal business challenge.</p> <p>Clarify if this campaign was a new initiative or an extension of a previous program.</p> <p>What were the quantifiable core business objectives (ex: "generate a lift of 2% in gross sales")?</p> <p>Provide KPI's that support the business challenge that this campaign set out to address.</p> <p>What were the campaign specific communication objectives (ex: "generate an increase in brand awareness of 5% points etc.)?</p> <p>Include any key market and competitive insights.</p>	<p>What was the strategic impetus and key consumer insight that shaped the campaign's direction?</p> <p>What problem were you trying to solve and how did this strategic insight shape this campaign?</p> <p>What was unique and different about your approach?</p> <p>Who was the core target market/audience?</p> <p>What behaviour or attitude were you trying to invoke?</p> <p>Research, insights, statistics, and any data supporting the strategy are key.</p>

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Creative Idea & Execution	Results
<p>How did your strategy manifest into a creative look and feel?</p> <p>What was the inspiration behind the creative idea (can be tied to insights)?</p> <p>How did you leverage the many platform/media options to further amplify your creative product?</p> <p>And how did the creative idea manifest itself across various channels?</p> <p>What made it stand out and be noticed by your target?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Confirm how your campaign performed against the numbers provided in the objectives section in Question 1. Did you reach your objectives?• Identify KPIs (key performance indicators) that proved your marketing initiative delivered a positive business impact for the advertiser.• Understanding that some results are confidential, try to provide at minimum, comparisons like industry benchmarks, past results from the company, showing growth % etc.• Highlight the use of data and analytics in driving and measuring marketing effectiveness

Category + Discipline Selection

All questions must be answered, unless marked optional.

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 Step 1 

1. Choose a **category**
2. **Name** your entry
3. Select a **discipline**

If you would like to enter into multiple categories, feel free to copy your entry via *My entries*.

Category

Member

Automotive

Product and services include:

- Manufacturers
- Dealers
- Aftermarket
- Automotive services

 [Download blank entry PDF for reference](#)

Campaign Name

TEST

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- Campaign can be a product launch or traditional brand category.

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Company name

TEST

Country

CAN

Province (of Applicant)

Ontario

Phone Number

123456789

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Only entries whose campaign start and end dates fall within **December 1, 2023 through June 1, 2025** will be accepted.

Should the campaign continue after June 1, 2025, you may still submit as long as the results entered are within the above dates.

Campaign Start Date

2023-12-01

Campaign End Date

2025-06-01

For the Brand Building discipline, confirm that the campaign has been in-market for a minimum of **four months**

* Short term campaigns under four months should be submitted under **Business/Brand Impact** discipline.

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Agency Details

Agency Name	<input type="text" value="TEST"/>
Agency Country	<input type="text" value="CAN"/>
Agency Phone Number	<input type="text" value="123456789"/>

Client Details

Client Company	<input type="text" value="TEST"/>
Client Country	<input type="text" value="CAN"/>
Client Phone Number	<input type="text" value="123456789"/>
Client Approver Name	<input type="text" value="TEST"/>
Client Approver Email	<input type="text"/>

Social Media Handles

Social Media

Agency Twitter Handle (Put N/A if not available)

Client Twitter Handle (Put N/A if not available)

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Please ensure accuracy as these credits will be used on the awards website.

EXAMPLE: Chief Creative Officers: First Name Last Name - Executive Creative Director: First Name Last Name - Creative Directors: First Name Last Name

If you have multiples names under a title please seperate with a comma.

Team Members

NA

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Important Note

DO NOT include the agency name in the body of text entered in the fields below. **DO NOT** include if this campaign was done pro bono.

Background and Marketing Challenge/Objectives

2 / 1300 characters

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- Include any key market and competitive insights.

Strategy/Insights

2 / 1600 characters

NA

- What was the strategic impetus and key consumer insight that shaped the campaign's direction?
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Creative idea

2 / 1600 characters

NA

- How did your strategy manifest into a creative look and feel?
- What was the inspiration behind the creative idea (can be tied to insights)?
- How did you leverage the many platform/media options to further amplify your creative product? And how did the creative idea manifest itself across various channels?
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Results

2 / 1200 characters

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- Confirm how your campaign performed against the numbers provided in the objectives section in Question 1. Did you reach your objectives?
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Website Write Up:

2 / 350 characters

NA

Should your campaign win GOLD, please include a write-up for the public CMA website. Please use full sentences.

EXAMPLE: Destination Pride launched globally with over 100 geographically individualized Facebook Ad campaigns running in 92 countries and in 46 languages. Each ad campaign targeted people interested in LGBTQ+ topics, groups and events, and travel. Ads were also contextual to local news events, such as the cancellation of the Pride parade in Uganda.

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Provide Result Sourcing Details (optional)

1 / 1000 words

NA

To support the validity of your results, please provide details on data sources (e.g., third-party validation, internal metrics, research reports, etc.). This information will be reviewed by the judging panel but will remain confidential and will not be made public.

Provide a Public Link to Help Showcase Your Campaign (If Selected as a Gold Winner) (optional)

NA

CMA regularly receives requests from members and attendees who want to explore winning campaigns in more depth. To help support this, we're collecting optional public links that may be used to further showcase your work if your entry is selected as a Gold winner.

If applicable, please provide a public link (e.g., video, case study, article, PDF, or campaign webpage) that offers additional context about your campaign. If your entry wins Gold, CMA may feature this link alongside your campaign summary on our website.

Note: Providing a link is entirely optional and is not part of the judging process.

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(this includes file attachments **and** URLs.)



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FAQs

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Why are there multiple deadline dates?	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• CMA encourages submitting entries early by offering multiple deadlines with increasing entry fee rates.• The early-bird deadline offers the lowest entry fee. Entry fees are increased for the final deadline with pricing surcharge for non-member taking effect in the last few days.
When does Early Bird Pricing End?	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Early bird pricing will end on June 11 at 1 pm ET.
How do I know if I'm a CMA member?	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• CMA membership is assigned to companies. Therefore, if your organization is a CMA member, you are a CMA member.• Find out if you/your organization is a CMA member by viewing the member directory.
What is the cancellation/refund policy for entries submitted?	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Refunds can be made only if written notification of the entrant's wish to withdraw their entries reaches the CMA office before June 21. Refunds made up until this date will be subject to a \$95 administrative cancellation fee. No refunds will be considered by the CMA after June 21, regardless of any extension to the entries deadline. Entries can only be cancelled by the CMA and cannot be cancelled or removed from the CMA Awards in any way after June 21.

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What are the dates for campaign eligibility for 2026?	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Your campaign must have results tabulated between December 1, 2024 and June 1, 2026.• Entries containing results tabulated after June 1, 2026 may be disqualified at the discretion of the judging committee and CMA. CMA is not responsible for any entrant submission error. The decision of the judging committee and CMA is final.
What is the criteria for submitting an entry?	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Criteria for different disciplines and categories can be accessed through the entry form in Awards Force. Please note that there is a character limit (that includes spaces).
How many creative files will be accepted?	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• A maximum of 6 supporting files will be accepted. Attachments are optional (including videos) and the maximum file size for any upload is 1GB and no longer than 2 minutes in duration.• If a PDF is submitted with multiple creative elements, each creative element is counted as 1 attachment.• The following file formats accepted are: Video (.avi .m4v .mov .mp4 .mpeg .mpg .srt), Audio (mp3), Image/Document (.pdf, .jpg, .png), Documents (pdf) and Website URLs.
How many times can I enter a campaign?	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• CMA limits the submission of each unique campaign to 5 times or less. The campaign can be submitted across any of the disciplines/categories.• This limit does not apply to special awards (Direct Mail Award, Data-Driven Marketing Award, Business Equity Award and B2B Marketing Award).• Organizations can submit an unlimited number of unique campaigns.
My campaign ran in the US, is it still eligible?	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Campaigns that ran in Canada or campaigns that ran in other markets but were developed by Canadian marketers for Canadian clients are eligible for entry. CMA reserves the right to reassign the entry discipline or category at any time.

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Who can help me decide which category my campaign should be submitted into?	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Contact awards@theCMA.ca for assistance in determining into which category(s) your campaign should be entered. We are happy to help!
Why is my text cut off in one or more of the boxes for campaign details?	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Each section contains a maximum character count.
When will I find out if my submission has been shortlisted?	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Notifications will be emailed to the individual listed as the contact person for each entry that is shortlisted by early September.
PayPal won't accept or process my credit card. Who do I contact for assistance?	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• If you are having difficulties processing payment through our PayPal account online, please contact awards@theCMA.ca.
I can't upload my supporting documents. Who do I contact?	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Please contact Award Force technical support at support@awardforce.com.

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How do I enter the Canada Post Direct Mail Award? What is the entry fee?	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Canada Post Direct Mail Award is free to enter. Please review the requirements carefully to ensure your entry is eligible.
How do I enter the LinkedIn Business Innovation Award? What is the entry fee?	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The LinkedIn B2B Marketing Award is free to enter.• Please review the requirements carefully to ensure your entry is eligible.
How do I enter the Deloitte Best Use of AI Award? What is the entry fee?	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Deloitte Best Use of AI Award is free to enter.• Please review the requirements carefully to ensure your entry is eligible.
How do I enter the Cineplex Best in Cinema Award? What is the entry fee?	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Cineplex Best in Cinema Award is free to enter.• Please review the requirements carefully to ensure your entry is eligible.
How do I enter the TikTok Power of Entertainment Award? What is the entry fee?	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The TikTok Power of Entertainment Award is free to enter.• Please review the requirements carefully to ensure your entry is eligible.
How do I enter the RBC Inclusive Marketing Award? What is the entry fee?	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The RBC Inclusive Marketing Award is free to enter.• Please review the requirements carefully to ensure your entry is eligible.
How do I enter the Environics Analytics Data-Driven Marketing Award? What is the entry fee?	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Environics Analytics Data-Driven Marketing Award is free to enter.• Please review the requirements carefully to ensure your entry is eligible.
How do I enter The Trade Desk Open Internet Marketing Award? What is the entry fee?	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Trade Desk Open Internet Marketing Award is free to enter.• Please review the requirements carefully to ensure your entry is eligible.

Thank you!