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To be eligible, an article must deal with a topic relating to the North American West, including Mexico, Canada, and Alaska. Articles will be judged according to (1) the significance of each as a contribution to knowledge; (2) the skill and imaginativeness with which the author has done research in original materials or has reinterpreted some well-known question; (3) the literary quality of the essay. Nominations may be made only by the editors of the participating publications, but editors may, if they wish, seek the advice of their editorial board or of a special committee. When the editor has completed the selection, it should be sent together with a cover letter of nomination to each of the three judges (see below).

To be eligible for award in 2010, the article must have appeared in a regular periodical within the twelve months ending July 1, 2010.

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