

**The Ministry of Social Development and Fight Against Hunger
promotes the 1st National Exhibition and the 1st National Award for
Papers on *Bolsa Familia***

The 1st National Exhibition and the 1st National Award for Papers on *Bolsa Familia* are addressed to researchers, academics, experts and other scholars interested in the issue and aim at:

- Identifying and rewarding papers on *Bolsa Familia* (BF), specially those addressing its impacts on the reduction of poverty and inequality; BF contributions to education, health and food security sectors; opportunities generation and guarantee of rights (relating to employment and labour, consumption and local economy, empowerment of women and poor families, reduction of child labour, among others); and institutional development (federalism and decentralization, intersectorial articulation, management alternatives, among others).
- Contributing to the improvement, systematization and knowledge dissemination of BF.
- Articulating and integrating the debate among impact studies of BF, as well as management experiences.

a) Submission of papers for the 1st National Exhibition and the 1st National Award for Papers on *Bolsa Familia*

The official announcement which regulates the submission of papers to the 1st National Exhibition or the 1st National Award states that:

- Only unpublished papers will be considered to the 1st National Award. Papers must have minimum of 10 and maximum of 20 pages. The first page must be comprised solely of title, an abstract of around 150 words, and at least three keywords. *The paper shall not present any information that identifies the author.*
- Papers submitted to the 1st National Exhibition may already be published and must have a minimum of 10 pages indicating title, an abstract of around 150 words, and at last three keywords on the first page.
- There is no limit in the number of submitted papers per author both for the 1st National Exhibition and the 1st National Award. However, the same paper cannot be submitted to both.
- Only papers written in Portuguese or Spanish will be considered.
- Papers must be submitted by e-mail to estudospbf@mds.gov.br by October 27, 2008.

b) Selection of papers and the 1st National Award

Papers submitted to the 1st National Award will be assessed under blind review system, in which access to information on authorship is not provided to evaluators. 10 papers will be ranked in the midst of all participants, and their authors will receive certificates attesting their participation in the contest. Three of them will be awarded.

The authors from the 10 papers ranked for the 1st National Award and from the papers selected for the 1st National Exhibition will be invited to present their work in a public event to be held in November 2008, together with the 2nd Award for Good Practices of *Bolsa Família* Management. Only travel expenses incurred by Brazilian resident authors will be covered.

Authors from the three best papers selected for the 1st National Award will have the opportunity to participate of a Study Tour, with all covered expenses, in order to better understand one of the following Conditional Cash Transfer experiences:

- *Oportunidades*, carried out by the Government of Mexico;
- *Chile Solidario*, carried out by the Government of Chile; or
- *Familias en Acción*, carried out by the Government of Colombia.

Additional information:

<http://www.mds.gov.br/premio-e-mostra-de-estudos-bolsa-familia/>