

WHITE HOUSE CORRESPONDENTS' ASSOCIATION

THE ALDO BECKMAN AWARD FOR OVERALL EXCELLENCE IN WHITE HOUSE COVERAGE

The White House Correspondents' Association is pleased to announce competition for the Aldo Beckman Award for Overall Excellence in White House Coverage.

This award recognizes a body of work over the course of a year, using a range of journalistic skills and tools to illuminate the president and the presidency. These can include in-depth reporting, skilled use of data, and clear writing and/or presentation. Subjects can include, but are not limited to, presidential decision making, management of the White House and executive branch, political skill, and communications abilities, as well as the national political landscape as it relates to presidential politics and governing.

The award is named for a former president of the White House Correspondents' Association and correspondent for the *Chicago Tribune* known for his journalistic excellence and personal character.

Competition is open to all journalists who cover the White House on a regular basis, or whose reporting is primarily devoted to coverage of the White House or the presidency. The award will be based on a correspondent's reporting during the year ending December 31, 2025.

Journalistic excellence in coverage of the White House will be the primary criterion. However, the judges may wish to honor an outstanding young reporter, a reporter who has demonstrated repeated excellence in White House coverage over a long period, or a reporter who personifies the qualities exemplified by Aldo Beckman. Those qualities were known to include integrity, impartial analysis, breadth and depth of knowledge of the presidency and a love of the institution. Judges may also choose to make no award in a given year.

There is a prize of \$5,000, and it will be presented at the association's annual dinner on April 25, 2026.

Guidelines for the award

* Entrants are invited to submit a representative sample of their work for the calendar year 2025 not to exceed six articles or broadcast scripts. Entries published online must be original Web content.

* Submission should contain the dateline, date of publication or broadcast, name of publication or news organization, and a supervisor's certification that the nominee wrote or dictated the story.

* Please supply any other information you feel may be relevant to the judges in evaluating the entry, according to the principles of the award as outlined above.

THE ENTRY MUST BE RECEIVED BY 5 PM EST, FRIDAY FEBRUARY 27, 2026

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