

WHITE HOUSE CORRESPONDENTS' ASSOCIATION

THE AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN PRESIDENTIAL NEWS COVERAGE UNDER DEADLINE PRESSURE

The White House Correspondents' Association is pleased to announce competition for the Award for Excellence in Presidential News Coverage Under Deadline Pressure.

The prize will be offered in two categories:

PRINT - Newspaper, wire service, magazine

BROADCAST - Radio and television

Each award comes with a prize of \$5,000, presented at the association's annual dinner on April 25, 2026.

The awards will be based on the following criteria:

A single story written, dictated or broadcast under deadline pressure. *The award traditionally has recognized the deadline work of a single journalist.*

The story must have emanated from coverage of the presidency. Any subject of news interest (political, diplomatic, scientific, economic, social, security, appointments, any foreign or domestic matter) which developed in the course of presidential news coverage will be considered.

Four factors will be assessed in the judging of a story: accuracy, speed, objectivity, and initiative.

GUIDELINES

- * Material for consideration must have been published or broadcast in the year ending Dec. 31, 2025.
- * Please provide a brief description of the situation the reporter faced. Include brief comments on criteria for this competition: speed, accuracy objectivity, initiative. Note any unusual factors involved and specify if story was exclusive.
- * Broadcast entries must be in the form of a script and link to published or aired story.
- * Only ONE entry should be filed by a nominee or on a nominee's behalf.

ALL ENTRIES MUST BE RECEIVED BY 5 PM EST, FRIDAY FEBRUARY 27, 2026

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