

WHITE HOUSE CORRESPONDENTS' ASSOCIATION ANNOUNCES 2017 AWARDS

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The White House Correspondents' Association is presenting three major journalism awards at the annual dinner on April 29, 2017, to recognize distinguished reporting. The awards are among the most prestigious in our field. Prizes range from \$1,000 to \$2,500.

You are encouraged to review your 2016 reporting and consider entering the competition. The three contests are open to print and broadcast journalists.

The WHCA is pleased to provide our colleagues with the ability to submit their nominations online. The submission form may be accessed at whca.net/2017contest/. If submitting for multiple awards you must complete the form separately for each. Please note: you must also complete the attached nomination forms and have them signed by a supervisor or bureau chief to be eligible. Those may be scanned and submitted along with the rest of the submission.

The Merriman Smith Award (\$2,500) recognizes presidential news coverage under deadline pressure, with separate awards for print and broadcast journalists. Broadcast tapes also may be submitted with scripts.

The Aldo Beckman Award (\$1,000) recognizes repeated excellence in White House coverage, with a single award for either a print or broadcast journalist. Entries may be in the form of clippings, original material, wire copy printouts, photocopies or broadcast scripts. Online entries must be original Web content. Broadcast tapes also may be submitted with scripts.

The Edgar A. Poe Award (\$2,500) recognizes excellence in coverage of news of national or regional significance, with a single award for either a print or broadcast journalist. Entries may be in the form of clippings, original material, wire copy printouts, photocopies or online entries. Broadcast tapes also may be submitted. Online entries must be original Web content.

Details of the three contests are included in the attached material. **The deadline for entries is March 3, 2017.**

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