

**ENTRY FORM**

**MERRIMAN SMITH AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE  
IN PRESIDENTIAL NEWS COVERAGE**

**NAME OF NOMINEE:**

**PUBLICATION/NEWS ORGANIZATION:**

**ADDRESS OF ORGANIZATION:**

**TELEPHONE: (work)** \_\_\_\_\_ **(home)** \_\_\_\_\_

**EMAIL:**

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Supply dateline; date of publication; date and time of filing; date and time of deadline for the story submitted and a brief description of the situation the reporter faced.

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I certify the nominee wrote, dictated or broadcast this story.

**(Please Print)**

**Supervisor Name:**

**Supervisor Title:**

**Date:**

**Signature:**

*Reminder: Please enclose brief comments on criteria for this competition: speed, accuracy, objectivity, initiative. Note any unusual factors involved and specify if story was exclusive.*

**THE ENTRIES MUST BE RECEIVED NO LATER THAN 5 PM, MARCH 3, 2017.**

Additional entry forms are available on our website at [whca.net/awards.htm](http://whca.net/awards.htm)

**\*\* SCAN AND SUBMIT THIS FORM ALONG WITH THE SUBMISSION TO  
[whca.net/2017contest/](http://whca.net/2017contest/) \*\***

**THE MERRIMAN SMITH MEMORIAL FUND**

**THE MERRIMAN SMITH AWARD**

**CALL FOR ENTRIES**

The Merriman Smith Memorial fund is pleased to announce competition for awards in presidential news coverage. The prizes for 2017 of \$2,500 each will be awarded in two categories.

PRINT	Newspaper, wire service, magazine
BROADCAST	Radio and television

The awards will be presented at the White House Correspondents' Association annual dinner, to be held at the Washington Hilton Hotel, Washington, DC, on Saturday, April 29, 2017. The fund was organized in 1970 in memory of the late Merriman Smith of United Press International, a White House correspondent for more than 30 years. The award was conceived to perpetuate Mr. Smith's memory and to promote the excellence he brought to his profession.

The 2017 awards will be based on the following criteria:

A single story written, dictated or broadcast under deadline pressure.

The story must have emanated from coverage of the presidency, either in the United States or abroad. 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.

A nominee must have been based in the Washington area and must have been on permanent or temporary assignment covering the presidency.

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

Correspondents employed by any recognized news organization are eligible to enter.

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## GUIDELINES FOR THE 2017 MERRIMAN SMITH AWARD

\* Material for consideration must have been published or broadcast in the calendar year ending December 31, 2016.

\* Please include the following information: dateline; date of publication or broadcast; time and date of filing, and time and date of deadline; and certification by the nominee's supervisor that the nominee wrote, dictated or broadcast the story. A completed entry form must accompany each story.

\* Print entries may be in the form of clippings, original material, wire copy printouts, or photocopies. Entries will not be returned.

\* Broadcast entries must be in the form of a script and audio/video (DVD). In the case of a live broadcast, an air check is required. \* Online entries, which may be submitted in either the broadcast or print category, must be in the form of Web page printouts and other original material.

\* Only **ONE** entry should be filed by a nominee or on a nominee's behalf.

\* Each copy of an entry must be accompanied by a completed entry form.

\* The decision of the judges on all matters relating to the awards is final.

\* **All entries must be received on or before 5 PM, March 3, 2017.**

\* Submit your entries to the Merriman Smith Memorial Award, using the form on our website, **[whca.net/2017contest/](http://whca.net/2017contest/)**. Please follow the instructions for online submission.

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