Annual Journalism Prize Competition

Distinguished Reporting on the Presidency

1990 Susan Page, Newsday
1991 Burt Solomon, National Journal
1992 Kenneth Walsh, U.S. News
1994 Michael Duffy, TIME Magazine
1995 John Farrell, The Boston Globe
1996 Eric Pooley, TIME Magazine
1997 Kenneth Walsh, U.S. News
1998 Michael Isikoff, Newsweek
1999 Carl Cannon, National Journal
2000 John Harris, The Washington Post
2001 Susan Page, USA Today
2002 Bob Woodward and Dan Balz, The W.P.
2003 James Carney, TIME Magazine
2004 Jackie Calmes, The Wall Street Journal
2005 Tom DeFrank, New York Daily News
2006 Charlie Savage, The Boston Globe
2008 Kenneth Walsh, U.S. News & World Report
2010 Steven Thomma, The McClatchy Newspapers
2011 Scott Wilson, The Washington Post
2012 John Dickerson, Slate
2013 Glenn Thrush, POLITICO
2016 Gregory Korte, USA Today
2017 Ashley Parker & Philip Rucker, The Washington Post
2018 Molly Ball, TIME Magazine
2019 Michael C. Bender, Wall Street Journal
2020 Jennifer Jacobs, Bloomberg News

Distinguished Reporting on National Defense

1987 Charles Corderly, The Baltimore Sun
1989 Debra Lynn Policy, Defense News
1990 James Kieff, Government Executive
1991 Douglas Jehl, Los Angeles Times
1992 David Morrison, National Journal
1993 Barton Gellman, The Washington Post
1994 Genevieve Antoin, Gazette Telegraph
1995 James Kieff, National Journal
1996 Rick Newman, U.S. News
1997 David Wood, Newhouse News Service
1998 Robert Holzer, Defense News
1999 Russell Carollo, Dayton Daily News
2000 Dana Priest, The Washington Post
2001 Dave Moniz, USA Today
2003 Mark Thompson and Michael Duffy, TIME
2006 James Astil, The Economist
2008 James Kieff, National Journal
2010 Shane Harris, The Washington Post
2011 Corinne Reilly, The Virginian-Pilot
2012 Hal Bernton, The Seattle Times
2013 David Phillips, The Gazette
2014 W. J. Hennigan and Ralph Vartabedian, Los Angeles Times
2015 Andrew deGrandpre, Military Times
2016 David Martin & Mary Walsh, CBS News
2017 JJ Green, WTOP Radio
2018 Zach Dorfman & Jenna McLaughlin, Yahoo! News
2019 Christian Miller, Megan Rose, Robert Faturechi and Agnes Chang, ProPublica
2020 W. J. Hennigan, TIME Magazine

January 2022

Dear Journalist,

I am pleased to announce the 35th Annual Gerald R. Ford Journalism Prizes, a competition for distinguished reporting in 2021.

DISTINGUISHED REPORTING ON THE PRESIDENCY

or

DISTINGUISHED REPORTING ON NATIONAL DEFENSE

In 1988, the Gerald R. Ford Presidential Foundation established the Journalism Prize Competition. With this annual award, President Ford wanted to recognize and encourage thoughtful, insightful, and enterprising work by journalists covering the presidency and national defense. The Foundation is proud to continue this tradition and will award two $5,000 prizes, one for distinguished achievement in reporting on the presidency and another on national defense during the calendar year 2021.

We are proud of our past winners and look forward to receiving this year’s entries. Please see the attachment for the nomination process, deadline, and selection of winner’s criteria. The awards will be presented in June 2022.

Submissions from print, broadcast, and online journalists are welcome.

Please feel free to contact us with questions at press@38foundation.org or 616-254-0396. Information is also available on our website: www.geraldfordfoundation.org.

Sincerely,

Gleaves Whitney
Executive Director

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NOMINATIONS

- Entries must be for work published in print, broadcast, or presented online during 2021 by a media outlet based in the United States or its territories. (No podcasts allowed.)
- Journalists may apply directly, or be nominated for one of the two prizes each year.
- Submissions with joint bylines may apply, or be nominated.
- Entries must be submitted on behalf of a journalist(s) and not an organization.

DEADLINE

- Applications must be postmarked by Friday, March 18, 2022.

MATERIAL TO BE SUBMITTED

- There is no application form or entry fee.
- Must include a minimum of four, but not more than five articles or stories of the candidate’s best reporting during 2021 on either the presidency or national defense.
- A letter of nomination from someone who is familiar with the candidate’s work.
- A brief biographical sketch identifying the candidate’s journalistic experience and training. Include the candidate’s address, phone number, and e-mail address.

Submission via the Gerald R. Ford Presidential Foundation Website:

- Submission page is: https://geraldrfordfoundation.org/journalism-award-prizes/
- All text material submitted electronically should be formatted and submitted as PDFs and measure no larger than 8 1/2 x 14 inches. If URLs are included in the material you must provide active links.
- Broadcast video entries must have a PDF transcript with material submission via live URL.
- Videos and other online content should be submitted via URL and must be placed outside of any paywall. If not possible, provide a simple username and password for judges.
- URLs must remain active until the prizes are awarded in June.

Submission by Mail:

- Broadcast entries submitted by mail must include 8 DVDs with transcripts of broadcasts.
- Postmarked by Friday, March 18, 2022.
- Address to: Journalism Contest Coordinator Gerald R. Ford Presidential Foundation 303 Pearl Street NW, Grand Rapids, MI 49504-5353
SELECTION OF WINNERS

Each prize will be determined by a separate panel of judges. Typically, judges are selected from journalism and academia or have experience in the executive branch or national defense.

CRITERIA

Judging will be based on the journalist’s ability to foster better public understanding of either the United States presidency or national defense. The prizes recognize reportorial excellence as reflected by resourcefulness, insight, brevity, and quality of writing, rather than the quality of editorial comment. Candidates for either prize should have compiled a year-long record of consistent, judicious, sensitive, and noteworthy coverage. The prizes recognize the quality of a journalist’s work throughout the year, rather than any single article or story.

Work may have appeared in print, broadcast, or been presented online during 2021 at a local, regional, national, or international level (daily newspapers, news magazines, or trade publications with a broad readership). Freelance as well as staff journalists may be candidates.

For the Presidency Prize, reporting should address ways in which the President exercises leadership, sets policy and makes decisions, initiates programs and responds to events, relies on Cabinet and senior staff, and the structure and functioning of White House operations.

For the National Defense Prize, reporting should address leadership, national security issues, Department of Defense operations, military operations, unconventional threats and targets, defense resource management, military preparedness, or international arms control.

Submit packet to/or contact for further information:

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