



Presidential Foundation

## Annual Journalism Prize Competition

January 2024

### Distinguished Reporting on the Presidency Winners

1989 Gerald Seib, *The Wall Street Journal*  
1990 Susan Page, *Newsday*  
1991 Burt Solomon, *National Journal*  
1992 Kenneth Walsh, *U.S. News*  
1993 Ann Devroy, *The Washington Post*  
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*  
2007 Peter Baker, *The Washington Post*  
2008 Kenneth Walsh, *U.S. News & World Report*  
2009 Ben Feller, *The Associated Press*  
2010 Steven Thomma, *The McClatchy Newspapers*  
2011 Scott Wilson, *The Washington Post*  
2012 John Dickerson, *Slate*  
2013 Glenn Thrush, *POLITICO*  
2014 Peter Baker, *The New York Times*  
2015 Greg Jaffe, *The Washington Post*  
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*  
2021 Matt Viser, *The Washington Post*  
2022 Tyler Pager, *The Washington Post*

### Distinguished Reporting on National Defense Winners

1989 Debra Lynn Polsky, *Defense News*  
1990 James Kitfield, *Government Executive*  
1991 Douglas Jehl, *Los Angeles Times*  
1992 David Morrison, *National Journal*  
1993 Barton Gellman, *The Washington Post*  
1994 Genevieve Anton, *Gazette Telegraph*  
1995 James Kitfield, *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*  
2002 Greg Jaffe, *The Wall Street Journal*  
2003 Mark Thompson and Michael Duffy, *TIME*  
2004 Linda Robinson, *U.S. News & World Report*  
2005 Mark Mazzetti, *The New York Times*  
2006 James Astill, *The Economist*  
2007 Rick Atkinson, *The Washington Post*  
2008 James Kitfield, *National Journal*  
2009 Greg Jaffe, *The Washington Post*  
2010 Shane Harris, *The Washingtonian*  
2011 Corinne Reilly, *The Virginian-Pilot*  
2012 Hal Bernton, *The Seattle Times*  
2013 David Philipps, *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 C. Miller, M. Rose, R. Fatuarchi, & A. Chang, *Pro Publica*  
2020 W. J. Hennigan, *TIME Magazine*  
2021 Megan Eckstein, *National Defense*  
2022 Dan Lamothe, *The Washington Post*

Dear Journalist,

I am pleased to announce the **37th Annual Gerald R. Ford Journalism Prizes**, a competition for distinguished reporting in 2023.

**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 2023.

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 2024.

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

Please feel free to contact us with questions at [press@38foundation.org](mailto:press@38foundation.org) or 616-254-0396. Information is also available on our website: [www.geraldrfordfoundation.org](http://www.geraldrfordfoundation.org).

Sincerely,

Gleaves Whitney  
Executive Director

# *Gerald R. Ford Presidential Foundation*

## *37th Annual Journalism Prize Competition*

### **NOMINATIONS**

- Entries must be for work published in print, broadcast, or presented online during 2024 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 15, 2024.**

### **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 2023 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 15, 2024.
- 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 2023 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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