

NEWS AND PROGRAM CONTENT

CONTENT RULES FOR THESE CATEGORIES:

NEWS CONTENT: News content categories are intended for journalistic material produced by news departments within television stations, newspapers or online news reporting entities.

Producer(s) of the entry should be the primary entrant(s) for these categories. Qualified others may be eligible if their contributions are significant to the entry's award-worthiness. Submitters who created work as part of media pool coverage can only enter their material once and must clearly identify their contributions on the entry.

SPECIALTY CONTENT: Producer(s) of the entry should be the primary entrant(s) for Specialty Content categories. Qualified others may be eligible if their contributions are significant to the entry's award-worthiness.

News content is only eligible in the appropriate News subcategories.

For single News and Short Form Content entries, the original video and submission length must not exceed 10 minutes.

For Long Form Content entries, the original video must be longer than 10 minutes. Submission length may not exceed 30 minutes. No more than three (3) excerpts may be used to bring longer content to the 30-minute time limit. Excerpts must be presented in original, chronological order.

Series entries are eligible and must include a minimum of two (2) but no more than five (5) separate segments from the series. Total submission time limit for News and Short Form Content series entries may not exceed 15 minutes. Long Form Content series entries may not exceed 30 minutes.

Submitters who created work as part of media pool coverage can only enter their material once and must clearly identify their contributions on the entry.

SPORTS CONTENT: Producer(s) of the entry should be the primary entrant(s) for Sports Content categories. Qualified others may be eligible if their contributions are significant to the entry's award-worthiness.

Sports News content is only eligible in the appropriate News subcategories.

For Short Form Content and Sportscast entries, the original video must not exceed 10 minutes.

For Long Form Content and Program entries, the original video must be longer than 10 minutes and submission length may not exceed 30 minutes (exception: Sports Documentary). No more than three (3) excerpts may be included to bring longer content to the 30-minute time limit (exceptions: Sports - One-Time Special and Sporting Event/Game Live Broadcast.) Excerpts must be presented in original, chronological order.

Series entries are eligible and must include a minimum of two (2) but no more than five (5) separate segments from the series. Total submission time limit for News and Short Form Content series entries may not exceed 15 minutes. Long Form Content series entries may not exceed 30 minutes.

PROGRAM CONTENT: Producer(s) of the entry should be the primary entrant(s) for Program Content categories. Qualified others may be eligible if their contributions are significant to the entry's award-worthiness. Submitters who created work as part of media pool coverage can only enter their material once and must clearly identify their contributions on the entry.

Unless otherwise noted, the time limit for any program or long form content category is 30 minutes. A maximum of three (3) segments/excerpts is permitted to bring longer programs to the required entry time limit. For program or long-form series entries, the entry must include excerpts from at least two (2) episodes from the series.

The eligibility period for all categories is July 1, 2020, through June 30, 2021

01. News Excellence

Special Recognition Awarded to the News Director for excellence in the overall news operation during the eligibility period. Entry should present as many different examples as possible, including, but not limited to: enterprise in general assignment reporting, breaking news coverage, specialty and beat reporting, series, documentaries, continuing coverage of community issues, editorials/commentaries, etc. Entry should emphasize the quality, breadth and efficacy of a news operation, stressing substance rather than style, and exhibit the news department's performance in sustaining excellence throughout the year. Exempt from the excerpt and composite limits, but the entry must be comprised only of material as actually aired. No introductions, post production, montages, music or special effects may be added. This is not intended to be a "buzz" or demo reel. Entry should include a one-page, written synopsis.

Entry Time limit: 30 minutes.

NOTE: This category is exempt from double-dipping rules

02. Morning Newscast

News Content - For excellence in a regularly scheduled newscast. Entry will be judged on overall content, presentation, enterprise, writing, format, teases, etc. Post edits are not permitted except for the removal of commercials. For newscasts that exceed the 30 minute category time limit entrant may submit up to 3 excerpts. Entry Time Limit: 30 minutes

03. Evening Newscast

News Content - For excellence in a regularly scheduled newscast. Entry will be judged on overall content, presentation, enterprise, writing, format, teases, etc. Post edits are not permitted except for the removal of commercials. For newscasts that exceed the 30 minute category time limit entrant may submit up to 3 excerpts. Entry Time Limit: 30 minutes

04. Weekend Newscast

News Content - For excellence in a regularly scheduled newscast. Entry will be judged on overall content, presentation, enterprise, writing, format, teases, etc. Post edits are not permitted except for the removal of commercials. For newscasts that exceed the 30 minute category time limit entrant may submit up to 3 excerpts. Entry Time Limit: 30 minutes.

05. Breaking or Spot News - Single Report

News Content - For excellence in coverage of a single unanticipated news event. Entry should convey a sense of immediacy in the coverage of an unfolding event. Entry must be one continuous report as originally broadcast or streamed. Entry may include live or taped elements or a combination of both. Entry Time Limit: 15 minutes.

NOTE: Regional recipients in this category are eligible, at their discretion, to compete for a crystal pillar in the National News and Documentary Awards in the following category: Outstanding Regional News Story – Breaking News.

06. Breaking or Spot News - Multiple Reports

News Content - For excellence in coverage of a single unanticipated news event. Entry should convey a sense of immediacy in the coverage of an unfolding event. Entry should be a composite of at least two (2) reports on the same topic - as they were originally broadcast or streamed. Exempt from composite and excerpt limit rules. Entry may include live or taped elements and online video content. Entry Time Limit: 30 minutes.

NOTE: Regional recipients in this category are eligible, at their discretion, to compete for a crystal pillar in the National News and Documentary Awards in the following category: Outstanding Regional News Story – Breaking News.

07. Daily News Report (single shift)

News Content - For excellence in coverage of a single news story or topic which is shot, edited and aired within one work shift. Entry may include live and/or recorded elements and online video content. Topic covered must not be considered a news investigative report or news specialty report. Entry Time Limit: 10 minutes.

NOTE: This is the basic news reporting done day-in and day-out by a news department. Entries in this category typically evolve out of the daily planning of a newscast or other news distribution product.

Formerly called General Assignment - Within 24 Hrs.

08. Hard News Report (no time limit)

News Content - For excellence in coverage of a single hard news story or topic which has no time limit for its preparation. Entry may include live and/or recorded elements and online video content. Topic covered must not be considered a news investigative report or news specialty report. Entry Time Limit: 10 minutes.

NOTE: This is the basic news reporting done day-in and day-out by a news department. Entries in this category typically evolve out of the daily planning of a newscast or other news distribution product.

Formerly called General Assignment - No Time Limit

09. News Light Feature (Single Report)

News Content - For excellence in reporting of feature news stories or topics. Features are generally defined as stories that have a personal, emotional or creative slant and include elements that go beyond the scope of straight factual information found in a hard news story. Entry Time Limit 10 Minutes

10. News Light Feature (Multiple Reports)

News Content - Multiple Report entries may include either several reports on the same feature topic, or several reports from an ongoing branded feature news series and must include a minimum of two (2) and no more than five (5) reports. Multiple Report Entry Time Limit: 15 minutes

11. News Serious Feature (Single Report)

News Content - For excellence in reporting of feature news stories or topics. Features are generally defined as stories that have a personal, emotional or creative slant and include elements that go beyond the scope of straight factual information found in a hard news story/ Entry Time Limit 10 Minutes.

12. News Serious Feature (Multiple Reports)

News Content - Multiple Report entries may include either several reports on the same feature topic, or several reports from an ongoing branded feature news series and must include a minimum of two (2)

and no more than five (5) reports. Multiple Report Entry Time Limit: 15 minutes.

13. Team Coverage

News Content - For excellence by a team involved in covering multiple news reports on a single subject, shot, edited, produced and broadcast or streamed within 24 hours. Entry may include multiple live and/or recorded elements and online video content. Entry may be a single, continuous report or a composite of multiple reports or elements. Exempt from composite and excerpt limit rules. Entry Time Limit: 30 minutes.

NOTE: As a team entry, multiple entrants must be listed on the entry form Formerly called Continuing Coverage Within 24 hours.

14. Continuing Coverage

News Content - For excellence in coverage of a single, evolving news topic through an extended number of reports distributed over a time period exceeding 24 hours. Entries will be judged in part on story advancement. Entry should be a composite of at least two (2) reports as they were originally broadcast or streamed. Exempt from composite and excerpt limit rules. Entry Time Limit: 30 minutes

NOTE: Continuing coverage entries typically consist of an establishing report followed up by additional reports that show how the story has evolved and changed with new revelations or sidebar stories over a longer period of time, such as days, weeks or months

15. Investigative - Single Report

News Content - For excellence in a single report focused on a community problem requiring research and investigative journalism. Entry will be judged on the quality and extent of research, the presentation and the impact of the reporting, which may include new legislation, policies, government or legal investigations, public outcry, etc. Entry must include written documentation in the synopsis section of the online entry form. Entry Time limit: 15 minutes. *NOTE: Regional recipients in this category are eligible, at their discretion, to compete for a crystal pillar in the National News and Documentary Awards in the following category: Outstanding Regional News Story Investigative Report.*

16. Investigative - Multiple Reports

News Content - For excellence in a series of reports covering one investigation focused on a specific community problem requiring research and investigative journalism. Entry will be judged on the quality and extent of research, the presentation and the impact of the reporting, which may include new legislation, policies, government or legal investigations, public outcry, etc. Entry must include written documentation in the synopsis section of the online entry form and a minimum of two (2) reports. Entry Time Limit: 30 minutes.

NOTE: Regional recipients in this category are eligible, at their discretion, to compete for a crystal pillar in the National News and Documentary Awards in the following category: Outstanding Regional News Story Investigative Report.

17. Business/Consumer

Specialty Content - For excellence in news or journalistic coverage of or general content about business, finance, consumer affairs or economic topics. Entry Time Limit 30 Minutes

18. Journalistic Enterprise

News Content- For excellence in the continuing endeavor of high journalistic enterprise, which may include investigative pieces, breaking news, features, profiles, interviews, documentaries, etc. Composite entry may include a maximum of 5 different stories. The airdate and length of each story must be submitted with the entry. Entry Time Limit: 30 minutes.

NOTE: This category is not exempt from double-dipping rules.

19. News Special

News Content - For excellence in coverage of a one-time-only, significant, newsworthy event, occasion or topic. Subject should be an in-depth treatment of a current topic. Entry Time Limit: 60 minutes.

20. Special Event Coverage

Program Content - For excellence in coverage of a one-time-only, anticipated community or entertainment event such as a parade, holiday fireworks or a funeral procession. Entry may include multi-cameras and pre-produced segments that cover the full spectrum of the event..Entry Time Limit: 30 minutes.

21. Sportscast

Sports Content - For excellence in an anchored sports segment from within a newscast. Entry Time limit 10 minutes.

22. Sports Story- News Feature

Sports Content - For excellence in news or journalistic coverage of sports, athletes, coaches and other related topics. Entry Time limit 10 minutes

23. Sports Program – Live

Sports Content - For excellence in a sports program or series that is live or recorded live. Entry must have, as its basis, special coverage not to be taken from a newscast, including but not limited to pregame and postgame shows surrounding live sporting events. Entry may include multi-camera and pre-produced segments that cover the full spectrum of the event. Entry may not have post edits except for the removal of commercials. Entry will be judged on overall content, presentation, enterprise, writing, format, teases, etc. Entry Time Limit 30 minutes

24. Sports Program – Post-Produced or Edited

Sports Content - For excellence in a daily or weekly sports program or sports series (non-news). Entry must have, as its basis, special coverage not to be taken from a newscast. Content in these programs is post-produced and heavily edited. Entry may have no post-broadcast edits except for the removal of

commercials. Entry will be judged on overall content, presentation, enterprise, writing, format, teases, etc. Entry Time Limit 30 minutes.

25. Live Sporting Event/Game

Sports Content - For excellence in production of a single program or series, (live or recorded live) sporting event or game. A composite is required and should include examples of: Show Open, Graphics Package, Use of Replays, Inserted Pre-Produced Segments, Use of Statistical or Other Prepared Material, Highlights, Standard Coverage (e.g. Routine Innings or Downs) and any additional material at entrant's discretion. Series entries must have something that makes it a series (an actual baseball series, playoff series, season series between teams, etc.) Entry may include no more than eight (8) excerpts to bring the entry down to the 30-minute entry time limit.

26. Weathercast

Specialty Content - For excellence in an anchored weather segment from within a newscast. Entry Time Limit 10 Minutes

27. Weather

Specialty Content- For excellence in news or journalistic coverage of weather related topics. Entry Time Limit 30 minutes.

28. Documentary Cultural

Program Content - For excellence in the creation of a formal, structured television presentation with dramatic impact of an event, condition or situation of cultural significance. Entry Time limit: 60 minutes.

29. Documentary Topical

Program Content - For excellence in the creation of a formal, structured television presentation with dramatic impact of an event, condition or situation of current significance. Entry Time limit: 60 minutes.

30. Documentary Historical

Program Content - For excellence in the creation of a formal, structured television presentation with dramatic impact of an event, condition or situation of historical significance. Entry Time limit: 60 minutes.

31. Magazine Program

Program Content - For excellence in a program or series consisting of various stories of regional interest designed to entertain and inform. Entry Time limit: 30 minutes.

32. Public Affairs Program

Program Content - For excellence in a program or series that focuses on current community, social or political issues that are of general public interest or concern. Entry Time limit: 30 minutes.

33. Societal Concerns

Specialty Content - For excellence in content about current issues of societal concern, community or immediate public interest. Entry Time Limit 30 minutes.

34. Lifestyle

Specialty Content - For excellence in content that deals with everyday life subjects such as: food preparation, recipes, techniques, home improvement, decoration, renovation, gardening, outdoors, crafts and/or automotive repairs. Entry Time Limit 30 Minutes.

35. Informational/Instructional

Program Content - For excellence in content whose purpose is to be instructional; to teach formally or informally about a subject. Entry Time limit 30 minutes.

36. Interview/Discussion

Program Content - For excellence in content that consists of interview/discussion material that is at least 75% unscripted. This category is primarily intended for formal interviews where both the interviewer(s) and the interviewee(s) are visible on camera and engaged in discussion. Entry Time limit 30 Minutes.

37. Arts/Entertainment

Specialty Content - For excellence in content about general entertainment, variety or visual and performing arts. Entry Time Limit 30 Minutes

38. Entertainment

Program Content - For excellence in content whose purpose is to entertain. Examples include scripted content, music videos, live stage performance. Entry Time Limit 30 minutes.

NOTE: Content about entertainment should be submitted in the Arts/Entertainment category.

39. Technology

Specialty Content - For excellence in content about technology industry stories and related topics. Entry Time Limit 30 minutes.

40. Branded Content - Short Form Content (up to 10 minutes)

Program Content - For excellence in a complete, stand-alone, content-based program which tells a story and includes some visual branding, product placement or overt mention of the entity at the center of the production. For example, a medical program produced by/for a hospital. Program may not contain a call for commerce. Website URLs or requests to follow social media accounts do not constitute calls for commerce. *Program length commercials (infomercials) are not eligible*

41. Interactive Media

Specialty Content - For excellence in multimedia/trans-media content that stands alone as original regional programming and uses digital platforms, like the web, mobile phones, tablets, smart TVs, etc., to extend or enhance the viewing experience, involvement and engagement beyond a linear television or video experience. Components may include tools, cross-platform environments or activities that unlock content, provide access to information, back-story or user-generated narratives, facilitate individual or collective participants and social collaboration. Content must have originated during the Chapter's eligibility year. Submission to include a video (no promotional, marketing, sales or sizzle reels), that explains and focuses on key features and user experiences, along with the active URL or link to the webpage for judges to view.

Entry Video Time Limit: 5 minutes.

NOTE: This category is not exempt from double-dipping rules.

SPOT ANNOUNCEMENTS

- For excellence in promotional, commercial or public service announcements. Entries must be regionally conceived, produced and distributed.
- Spots that contain more than 50% of network or syndicator-provided material do not qualify. Music, graphics and pre-edited video constitute such material.
- **Spots may be 5seconds to 2 minutes in length.**
- If a campaign is entered, a maximum of five (5) spots may be included which are edited together for a single video upload. If a campaign is entered, no spots from that same campaign may be submitted in a single-spot category.

42 Public Service Announcement

For excellence in announcements that effectively create awareness, focus interest on or marshal support for worthy community causes or organizations.

43. Public Service Announcement Campaign

For excellence in a series of up to 5 announcements that effectively create awareness, focus interest on or marshal support for worthy community causes or organizations. Time Limit 10 minutes.

News Promotion - For excellence in announcements that promote news departments within television stations, newspapers or online news reporting entities and/or content produced by those entities. This includes promotion of or teasers for specific news stories, breaking news or weather, sports content within newscasts, news specials, news image and on-air news/weather/sports anchors and reporters.

44. News Promotion - Topical (Single Spot)

45. News Promotion - Image (Single Spot)

Program Promotion - For excellence in announcements that promote content produced outside the news department. This includes spots that promote a broader station/company image as well as regionally produced spots for network, local and/or syndicated programming.

46. Program Promotion - Single Spot

47. Image Promotion - Single Spot

48. Sports Promotion

(Intended for promos produced for content that would be entered in the Sports Content section with the exception of Sportscast or Sports Story - News Feature)

49. Promotional Campaign

50. Commercial - Single Spot

For excellence in commercial production advertising a product, business or service that is conceived, written, created and produced in and for the regional market. Program length commercials (infomercials) are not eligible.

51. Commercial Campaign

CRAFT ACHIEVEMENT

- For excellence in a specific craft discipline demonstrating the skills of one or more individuals.
- Each entry may contain a single example of the craft or a composite of material as originally distributed.
- While craft entrants may submit more than one entry per craft discipline, only one of those entries may be a composite. Elements of the composite may not be separately entered as individual craft entries in the same craft category.
- Craft awards are intended for hands-on craft persons, not those who supervise craft persons.
- Entry Time Limit: 15 minutes (unless otherwise indicated.)

52. Audio

53. Director- Newscast (PL Track is Preferred)

54. Director - Short Form Content (under 10 minutes)

55. Director - Long Form Content (longer than 10 minutes)

56. Editor - News

57. Editor - Short Form Content (under 10 minutes)

58. Editor - Long Form Content (longer than 10 minutes)

59. Editor - Spot Announcement

60. Graphic Arts

Entries must contain graphical elements originally created for regional markets. Re-purposed content from national sources is not eligible. Graphics Composites may include more than 5 examples of work, for up to five minutes of entry video, as long as each example is separated by one second of black and there is no other post-production to the entry.

61. Graphic Arts - Motion Graphics

Entries must contain motion graphical elements originally created for regional markets. Re-purposed content from national sources is not eligible. Motion Graphics Composites may include more than 5 examples of work, for up to five minutes of entry video, as long as each example is separated by one second of black and there is no other post-production to the entry.

62. Lighting

63. Musical Composition/Arrangement

64. Photographer - News

65. Photographer - Short Form Content (under 10 minutes)

66. Photographer - Long Form Content (longer than 10 minutes)

67. Technical Achievement

For excellence in technical engineering which might include: oversight in the coverage of a special event, specific technical innovation that enhances viewer experience or a technical success story that is as unique and noteworthy as to warrant special honor and recognition. In addition to the video, entry, the synopsis should include details of specific objectives and challenges that were overcome as a result of the technical achievement. Entry Time Limit: 30 minute

68. Video Essay

For excellence by a single individual telling a single or multi-part story. The video essay creator is the photographer and editor, weaving together elements captured in the field to tell the story without a reporter, narrator or host. Entry may not be entered in any other craft category.

69. Video Journalist

For excellence by a cross-discipline individual, serving as photojournalist, editor, talent, and writer; covering a single or multi-part story or topic. Entry may not be entered in any other craft category.

70. Writer - News

71. Writer - Short Form Content (under 10 minutes)

72. Writer - Long Form Content (longer than 10 minutes)

73. Writer - Spot Announcement