

Call for Entries Deadlines



Regular Deadline: January 22, 2026

2026 Pricing

**National/
Syndicated:** \$325 Regular Rate

Student: \$75 Regular Rate

Digital Media Categories

NOTE: Judges will not be asked to watch more than 15 minutes per entry.

National

1 Website – News/Entertainment [DM – National]	This award honors an outstanding entertainment and/or news website that engages the audience while informing them of news and/or current events on topics of general interest.
2 Substack/E-Newsletter/Blog [DM – National]	This award honors outstanding content that contains personal reflections and/or comments or articles provided by one or more writers.
3 Online Video Host / Correspondent / Actress [DM – National]	This award honors an outstanding host of a video series or an outstanding performance by a leading female character that has been produced exclusively for online distribution. (Includes entries produced for content through social channels (i.e. TikTok, YouTube, IG, X, Substack Video, etc.))
4 Online Producer [DM – National]	This award honors an outstanding producer in entertainment and/or news behind a branded clip, web video or series made exclusively for online distribution. (Includes entries produced for content through social channels (i.e. TikTok, YouTube, IG, X, Substack Video, etc.))
5 Original Online Programming – Standalone Video [DM – National]	This award honors an outstanding standalone video made exclusively for online distribution. This can be a companion piece for a television series, radio show or content produced for distribution through social channels. Category inclusive of multi-platform stories created and simultaneously launched. Includes entries produced for content through social channels (i.e. TikTok, YouTube, IG, X, Substack Video, etc.)
6 Original Online Programming – Video Series [DM – National]	This award honors an outstanding video series originally produced exclusively for online distribution. Can include a series developed to extend the program or storyline of

	an existing television or radio show to increase viewer interest and engagement or content produced for distribution through social channels. Category inclusive of multi-platform stories created and simultaneously launched. (Includes entries produced for content through social channels (i.e. TikTok, YouTube, IG, X, Substack Video, etc.)
7 Original Online Programming – News/Documentary [DM – National]	This award honors outstanding original unscripted or non-fiction news/documentary content produced exclusively for online distribution using unique storytelling techniques to develop or extend the storyline of an existing television or radio show. Category inclusive of multi-platform stories created and simultaneously launched. (Includes entries produced for content through social channels (i.e. TikTok, YouTube, IG, X, Substack Video, etc.)
8 Audio Podcast Host – News/Investigative [DM – National]	This award honors outstanding original audio content delivered by a host who leads a podcast of news, investigations, news briefings and reports keeping the public informed and connecting with the audience in a way that is highly engaging and authentic. (Please note in description if ongoing podcast series or standalone limited series.)
9 Audio Podcast Host - Entertainment [DM – National]	This award honors outstanding original content delivered by a host with content intended to be entertaining, connecting with the audience in a way that is highly engaging and authentic. (Please note in description if ongoing podcast series or standalone limited series.)
10 Audio Podcast Host - Lifestyle [DM – National]	This award honors outstanding original content delivered by a host with topics pertaining to lifestyle interests, behaviors, or cultures connecting with the audience in a way that is highly engaging and authentic. (Please note in description if ongoing podcast series or standalone limited series.)
11 Audio Podcast Host - Educational [DM – National]	This award honors outstanding original content delivered by a host with topics providing educational insights and/or new learnings on a topic connecting with the audience in a way that is highly engaging and authentic. (Please note in description if ongoing podcast series or standalone limited series.)
12 Audio Podcast Host - Sports [DM – National]	This award honors outstanding original content delivered by a host with topics relating to sports, sports figures or other features that are sports related

	connecting with the audience in a way that is highly engaging and authentic. (Please note in description if ongoing podcast series or standalone limited series.)
13 Video Podcast [DM – National]	This award honors an outstanding video podcast that is memorable, entertaining, informative, and engaging originally produced for distribution through visual engagement. Entries may include content in entertainment, news, lifestyle, etc. (Please note in description if ongoing podcast series or standalone limited series.)
14 Video Podcast – Host/Co-Host [DM – National]	This award honors an outstanding video podcast host/co-host that delivers memorable, entertaining, and engaging content produced through distribution through visual engagement. Entries may include content in entertainment, news, lifestyle, etc.
15 Audio Podcast Co-host/Ensemble [DM – National]	This award honors an outstanding team of two or more individuals who regularly lead a podcast which could include entertainment or news content, connecting with the audience in a way that is highly engaging and authentic. (Please note in description if ongoing podcast series or standalone limited series.)
16 Audio Podcast Writer [DM – National]	This award honors outstanding scripted or unscripted podcast writing that creates compelling storytelling that engages and connects with listeners. (Please note in description if ongoing podcast series or standalone limited series.)
17 Audio Podcast – Producer [DM – National]	This award honors an outstanding producer of a podcast in entertainment, lifestyle, investigative or educational content. (Please note in description if ongoing podcast series or standalone limited series.)
18 Audiobook Narrator and/or Producer [DM – National]	This award honors outstanding audiobook narration and/or production by a voice actor and/or producer of a book of any genre. (Please note in the Entry Description what role the entrant played, such as Narrator, Producer, etc.)
19 Audio Podcast – News/Investigative [DM – National]	This award honors an outstanding podcast of news, news briefings and reports or topics covering in-depth investigation and reporting of the facts of a single topic or podcast series researching an ongoing topic. (Please note in description if ongoing podcast series or standalone limited series.)

20 Audio Podcast – Entertainment [DM – National]	This award honors an outstanding podcast with topics including from the world of entertainment, celebrity or other subjects deemed entertaining. (Please note in description if ongoing podcast series or standalone limited series.)
21 Audio Podcast – Lifestyle [DM – National]	This award honors an outstanding podcast with topics including lifestyle interests, behaviors, or cultures. (Please note in description if ongoing podcast series or standalone limited series.)
22 Audio Podcast – Educational [DM – National]	This award honors an outstanding podcast with topics providing educational or new learnings on a topic. (Please note in description if ongoing podcast series or standalone limited series.)
23 Audio Podcast – Sports [DM – National]	This award honors an outstanding podcast with topics relating to sports, sports figures or other features that are sports related. (Please note in description if ongoing podcast series or standalone limited series.)
24 Non-English Program [DM – National]	This award honors an outstanding program in a language other than English that is unique, entertaining, and highly compelling distributed online exclusively.
25 Non-English Individual Achievement [DM – National]	This award honors an outstanding individual (host, producer, etc.) in delivering content in a language other than English for programming distributed online exclusively.

Digital Media Student

30 Online Video Host/Co-Host/ Correspondent [DM - Student]	This award honors an outstanding host, co-host or correspondent of a video series, created exclusively for online distribution connecting with the audience in a way that is highly engaging and authentic. (Includes entries produced for content through social channels (i.e. TikTok, YouTube, IG, X, Substack Video, etc.)
31 Online Producer [DM - Student]	This award honors an outstanding producer in entertainment and/or news behind a branded clip, web video or series made exclusively for online distribution. (Includes entries produced for content through social channels (i.e. TikTok, YouTube, IG, X, Substack Video, etc.)

32 Original Online Programming [DM - Student]	This award honors outstanding original program produced exclusively for online distribution. Can include pieces developed to extend the program or storyline of an existing television or radio show to increase viewer interest and engagement. (Includes entries produced for content through social channels (i.e. TikTok, YouTube, IG, X, Substack Video, etc.)
33 Podcast [DM – Student]	This award honors an outstanding podcast through entertaining or news topics. Podcast can include content produced for audio and/or video distribution in news, entertainment, sports, etc.
34 Podcast Host [DM – Student]	This award honors an outstanding podcast host who leads a podcast portraying entertaining and informative content, connecting with the audience in a way that is highly engaging and authentic. Podcast can include content produced for audio and/or video distribution in news, entertainment, sports, etc.

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