

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

The Toni House Journalism Award competition is open only to professional journalists – those who receive a majority of their work income from journalistic activity, either independently or as an employee of an independent news organization, including print, broadcast or professionally produced online media. Entries may be of either a national or local focus, though only one award will be presented per year.

While entrants will not be eliminated from consideration when nominated on the basis of a single publication or a series, preference will be accorded to those who have produced a substantial body of work reflecting a lifetime contribution to improving the administration of justice.

Consideration may be given to a single news story, feature, series, documentary, special section, opinion piece or editorial if it is demonstrated in and of itself to have had extra ordinary impact on achieving the objectives of the competition.

Entries may be submitted either by the journalist or by a separate nominator, such as an employer, friend or colleague. If the entry is submitted by a separate nominator, it must be with the knowledge and permission of the journalist. Recognition may also be given posthumously or to retired journalists.

Entries for a **career body of work** shall consist of **five copies each of five examples of the journalist's ongoing coverage in print, broadcast or online media, along with five copies of a nominating letter, and five copies of the entry form.** Print entries should be on 8 1/2" by 11" paper. Broadcast entries must include five copies of audio or video tapes. Online entries must be in hard-copy form. If the required number of copies is not submitted, the entry will be disqualified.

Entries for a **single submission** shall consist of **five copies, along with the five copies of a nominating letter, and five copies of the entry form.** Print entries should be on 8 1/2" by 11" paper. Broadcast entries must include five copies of audio or video tapes. Online entries must be in hard-copy form. If the required number of copies is not submitted, the entry will be disqualified.

The nominating letter, written by the journalist or a separate nominator, should explain the impact that the journalist's work has had on either enhancing public understanding or the courts or significantly improving the administration of justice, or both.

The Award Committee may ask the journalist or the nominator to provide additional support material. Those journalists working in the following communications media are eligible for the Toni House Journalism Award:

Newspapers	Magazines	Television	Radio	Online media
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Journalists working for house organs, government agencies, or for publications of organizations such as trade or bar association will not be considered.

Entries must be postmarked by April 15, 2010. The Toni House Award Committee shall choose the recipient, subject to the final approval of the AJS Executive Committee. The recipient will be selected by the end of May 2010. AJS reserves the right not to select an award-winner due to lack of suitable entries.

Entries will not be returned. Applicants, by their submission, grant reproduction rights of their entries to the American Judicature Society.

Entries should be mailed to:

American Judicature Society
Attn: Toni House Journalism Award
2700 University Avenue
Des Moines IA 50311