

EMERGING JOURNALIST AWARD

The APA Emerging Journalist Award is designed to recognize excellence in the field of journalism and to nurture the talent among young journalists.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA:

This award may be given to any person who, at the time of selection, is younger than 30 years with less than five years of experience writing professionally for a newspaper in Alabama.

- Nominees must be an employee or regular contributor to an APA-member newspaper.
- Please provide up to five samples of the nominee's work from 2026, along with a letter of nomination from the editor or publisher, noting the contribution and achievements of the nominee as well as a statement to the length of the nominee's professional career.
- ***For a nominee to be considered, you must attach biographical information.***
- Include a photo of the nominee if available.

**Inductees will be honored in 2027.
February 26, Birmingham Marriott**

I am pleased to nominate the following person for the 2026 award:

Nominee Name

Newspaper or organization

Phone

Email

Nominated by:

Name

Newspaper or organization

Phone

Email

Nomination Deadline November 9, 2026

Please return this form to:

Mail: Alabama Press Association
Emerging Journalist Award
2180 Parkway Lake Drive
Hoover, AL 35244

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Questions: call the APA office 205-871-7737

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Purpose of Award: The APA Emerging Journalist Award is designed to recognize excellence in the field of journalism and maintained high standards of quality and ethics. The award aims to reinforce the importance of a journalist's role by recognizing and nurturing talent to promote quality journalism.

Eligibility: Nominees must be an employee or regular contributor to an APA member newspaper. This award is open to nominees younger than 30 with less than five years of experience writing professionally for a newspaper.

Selection Procedure: The selection committee is made up of the four APA officers and two additional board members.

Award Presentation: The award will be presented at the APA Media Summit along with the presentation of the Lifetime Achievement Award at the Friday luncheon. An award will be presented and time allotted for comments from the recipient.

Entries: Nominations should include up to five samples of the nominee's work from the previous calendar year and must be accompanied by a letter of nomination from the editor or publisher, noting the contributions and achievements of the nominee as well as a statement to the length of the nominee's professional career. Nominations will be judged on the quality and variety of work samples and the impact of the nominee's work in the community.