

2025 Outstanding Journalism Award Nomination

Established by ACA's Public Information Committee, the Outstanding Journalism Award recognizes the editor or news director of a media outlet viewed by ACA as having done the most in the past year to increase public knowledge about correctional issues. Nominations should be accompanied by a copy of the written, radio or video piece that stimulated the nomination. This award will not necessarily be conferred on an annual basis.

If your agency or organization knows of a print or broadcast media report or set of reports worthy of consideration, please submit a nomination to the Awards Committee according to the following guidelines:

- The award is not restricted to print media, but is open to all professional journalists of all categories.
- The subject material may encompass any area of corrections.
- The work involved may entail ongoing coverage of correctional issues over a long period of time, a series of pieces or a single piece.
- The piece must have been released within one year of the nomination. Because nominations are due July 1, 2024, eligible pieces should have appeared between June 1, 2023, and June 30, 2024.
- The work should exemplify thoughtful, insightful and constructive commentary; a depth of knowledge about corrections;
 factual presentation with engaging style and clarity; and high standards of journalistic integrity.
- Each nominee must be submitted on a separate nomination form, unless the nominees are intended to be considered
 as a group for one award.
- All nominations must be received at ACA's headquarters by July 1, 2024. Please note that if your nominee is selected, a representative of the news organization must be present to receive the award.

Nomination package materials should be submitted in the following order:

- 1. Nomination form.
- 2. Copy of print, radio or video piece that is being nominated.

Please limit your nomination package to those two items. Please keep your package concise and organized in this manner to make for an easier review by committee members.

Please attach additional pages as needed, and return this form to ACA, Attn: Outstanding Journalism Award, ACA Awards Committee, 206 N. Washington St., Suite 200, Alexandria, VA 22314.