

AL NEUHARTH AWARD FOR INNOVATION IN INVESTIGATIVE JOURNALISM

Frequently Asked Questions

Q What is the “Al Neuharth Award for Innovation in Investigative Journalism?”

A The “Al Neuharth Award for Innovation in Investigative Journalism” is an award sponsored by the Gannett Foundation to recognize outstanding work of journalists who employ innovative approaches using digital tools toward watchdog and investigative journalism.

Q Who is eligible to submit an entry?

A A contributor is the person whose individual or group work is eligible to be submitted as an entry.

The submitter may nominate a contributor’s work for the award. The submitter can also be the “contributor” if he or she is submitting his or her own work, but anyone may submit a nomination entry for the “contributor.” Current AAJA membership is required for the submitter.

Q What entries are eligible?

A All eligible entries must:

- Be in the English language
- Be published or aired between February 3, 2016 and February 2, 2017
- Be spot news, news analysis, editorials, columns and features
- Not be student work

Q Is there an entry fee?

A There is no entry fee, however you need to be a current AAJA full member* to send in a valid entry for the award.

*Those who wish to become AAJA members before submitting their entry form are welcome.

Q What is the deadline?

A All completed entry forms and accompanying materials, including AAJA membership renewal, if applicable, **must be submitted online by March 17, 2017**.

Q Who will be judging the work?

A AAJA chooses professional journalists to conduct the judging of the award.

AAJA does not release the names of judges until awardees are publicly announced on the AAJA website.

Q Will I be notified if my entry is received?

A Yes, the person submitting the entry form will be notified after the March 31 awards entry deadline.

Q How will I know if I won?

A Award recipients will be contacted in advance of the AAJA National Convention, July 26-29 in Philadelphia.

Q What happens to my work once I've submitted it? Can I have it returned to me?

A All submitted work and accompanying materials, if any, are not returnable. All work submitted becomes property of AAJA and may be (a) destroyed after winners are selected, (b) used for promotional outreach materials for the organization, including publications and the Web site, or (c) stored in AAJA's archives for future use. Occasionally, AAJA is asked by media organizations to share member's photos or work. At our discretion, AAJA will agree to this unless otherwise requested by the entrant in writing to the AAJA National Office. Please also see entry form for details.

For more information:

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