



David Lynch Memorial Reporting Award

2014 Lynch Award for regional reporting on Congress

Stories published November 11, 2013 through November 11, 2014

Deadline for entering: Thursday, December 11, 2014 at 5 PM

The **David Lynch Memorial Regional Reporting Award** is administered by the Washington Press Club Foundation and the Standing Committee of Correspondents. It is given annually to a ***Washington-based daily reporter*** to recognize ***excellence in coverage of Congress from a regional perspective***. Both ***the congressional link and the regional element are required***. The award is open to any daily newspaper, online publication or news service reporter who qualifies for membership in the Congressional Press Galleries.

The Award: \$ 2,500.00 and recognition at the Washington Press Club Foundation's dinner on February 4, 2015.

Judging Standards: "Regional reporting" is defined as work that provides insight into how actions on Capitol Hill impact the local community, and coverage that provides a better understanding of the inner workings of Congress, with emphasis on the local delegation. Judges will look for thorough and incisive regional coverage of Congress, and they will take into consideration the clear, engaging nature of the writing and the reporter's ability to explain difficult and complex subjects to a hometown audience.

Format for Entries: An entry will consist of no more than four stories. Stories must be mounted on 8.5 x 11 sheets of paper. Printouts are allowed but must show date of publication and evidence of publication in a daily-news product. A submission ***must include six copies of the entry – that is, stories must be collated and placed into six separate packets, with each packet containing up to four stories***. The contest managers will not photocopy stories and will not assemble stories into packets. Stories ***must be single-byline. Stories with more than one byline will not be considered***. A letter explaining the impact of the entry or any special circumstances of the reporting is allowed but not required.

How to Enter: Entries must be ***received*** by 5:00 PM on Thursday, December 11, 2014. There are no exceptions and ***late entries will not be considered***.

Entries may be mailed or delivered to the Washington Press Club Foundation, Suite 1115, National Press Bldg., 529 14th Street NW, Washington DC. 20045. If the office is closed, entries may be dropped in the mail slot.

Entries also may be delivered to the Senate Press Gallery, S-316 on the third floor the U.S. Capitol. ***NOTE: Do not mail entries to the Senate Press Gallery. Security screening at The Capitol causes delays in mail delivery.***

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