

**Barbara Jordan Media Awards
Submission Guidelines**

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Texas Governor's Committee on People with Disabilities*

Guidelines

- Use people-first language.
- Portray people with disabilities in a non-stereotypical, empowering, respectful and realistic manner.
- Provide appeal for the general public and not merely a professional or specialized audience.

Calendar for Awards Process

February 17.....	Deadline for entries (electronic receipt or postmark deadline)
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Early March	Completion of the judging process
April	Ceremony for award winners

Entry Rules

1. All media award winners must reside in Texas or be a student at a Texas school and meet at least one of the following criteria:
 - a) Produced in Texas.
 - b) Produced by an organization with corporate headquarters in Texas.
 - c) Feature people with disabilities as the subject or in production of the materials.
 - d) Broadcast, published or distributed in Texas.
2. All materials must have been released to the public between January 1 and December 31 of the year before the awards ceremony.
3. Submissions are limited to two different entries per nominee.
4. Anyone can submit a nomination (see exceptions below), but self-nominations are strongly encouraged.
5. By submitting an entry, you acknowledge that the submission is your original work and does not violate copyright law, intellectual property rights, right of privacy, right of publicity or any other rights.

6. The Texas Governor's Committee on People with Disabilities (GCPD) and its partners reserve the right to use the winning works for presentation and media purposes, and are allowed to reproduce it for promotion of the competition and its results. No materials will be used by GCPD for commercial purposes or for profit.
7. Self-nominees must include an attached digital copy of their submission.
8. GCPD may elect to give other forms of special recognition or to eliminate from consideration selected categories.
9. Office of the Governor staff, GCPD committee members, and their family members may not submit nominations and are not eligible to receive competitively-judged GCPD awards during their tenure.
10. If known, describe the reach, audience, and media distribution method (e.g. online, print, etc..)

Category Descriptions

Broadcast:

This includes audio or video contributions presented to the public via television, radio, or other broadcast medium. Submit a captioned version of video entries if available. Entries may include, but are not limited to, submissions presented as:

- **TV Feature/News**
- **Public Service Announcement (PSA)**
- **Documentary**
- **Radio**

Print:

The print category includes written contributions such as newspaper or magazine articles. These may be online or print versions. Entries may include:

- **Print Feature/News**
- **Editorial or Commentary**
- **Public Service Announcement (PSA)**

Photojournalism:

Entries may include a single photograph, a series of photographs, and video essays used to tell or complement a written or broadcast story.

Book:

Qualified entries may include published books about or featuring a character, individual, or issue(s) related to disability. People-first language is an essential component of these entries.

College or High School Student:

The student category includes print or broadcast work by a high school or college student which was published or broadcast in a public venue, including the school's newspaper, TV channel, online, radio, or via other outlets.

Submission Instructions

For all entries, please submit either an active website link or an attached media file. Book entries should include four copies of the book, as well as a one page synopsis.

All materials should be sent to:

GCPD@gov.texas.gov

OR by postal mail to:

Barbara Jordan Media Awards
Texas Governor's Committee on People with Disabilities
P.O. Box 12428
Austin TX 78711

OR delivered in person to:

1100 San Jacinto Blvd, Suite 1.200
Austin TX 78701

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