



## **THE 47th ANNUAL NEWS & DOCUMENTARY EMMY® AWARDS NATAS is now accepting submissions in the following categories.**

- 1. OUTSTANDING REGIONAL NEWS STORY: BREAKING OR SPOT NEWS**
- 2. OUTSTANDING REGIONAL NEWS STORY: INVESTIGATIVE REPORT**
- 3. OUTSTANDING REGIONAL DOCUMENTARY**

Honorees in the regional Emmy® categories for Breaking or Spot News, Investigative reporting and for Documentary are eligible to advance to the national Breaking/Spot, Investigative and Documentary categories. Regional categories for single and multiple stories are eligible, as are Spanish language versions of these categories.

Any regional Breaking/Spot, Investigative or Documentary Emmy® award recipient honored by a NATAS chapter after March 15, 2025 and prior to March 15, 2026 is eligible to submit in the 2026 National-Regional Emmy® Awards cycle.

There is no entry fee for regional submissions.

### **The deadline for Regional submissions is: March 16, 2026.**

- Honorees in the Outstanding Regional News Story and Documentary categories receive a crystal pillar featuring the Emmy® statue icon, rather than an Emmy® statuette. Awards presented in these categories are not Emmy Awards. They are a form of special national recognition given to outstanding regional news reports or documentaries.
- Entrants must provide all information requested during the online submission process at [enter.theemmys.tv](https://enter.theemmys.tv). **Note: Credits must match those submitted for the original regional submission. No additional credits may be added.**

- Submission video: Upload your entry video during the submission process. Important. The video submitted should be the same video as was submitted to the regional competition. No **new content** should be added to your video. Important: Be sure to follow the video specifications below when preparing your video:

Preferred File Format/Video Container: .mp4

(Please enable "Fast Start" if that option is available to you)

Video Codec: H.264 Baseline Profile

Variable bit rate (with an optimum overall bitrate of 8,000 kbps)

Audio Codec: AAC-LC or AAC

Channels: Stereo or Dual Channel Mono

(Please mixdown 5.1 to 2 channel stereo)

Sample Rate: 48 khz (bit rate 128 kbps)

- An essay is not required but if included should be a concise explanation of why the entry is Emmy® worthy. Essays should address the following points:
    - a. Importance of the subject matter and any impact of the program, story or report.
    - b. A clear explanation of the editorial and production goals of the piece.
    - c. Reportorial and creative techniques used to achieve these goals.
    - d. The essay should not be a summary of the report or a list of names of those involved with the production.
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## INSTRUCTIONS FOR SUBMITTING

[https://enter.theemmys.tv/47\\_news-doc-regional-categories/](https://enter.theemmys.tv/47_news-doc-regional-categories/)

### How to submit:

1. To submit your entry, go to: [enter.theemmys.tv](https://enter.theemmys.tv)
2. **IMPORTANT:** Before logging in or creating a new account, confirm that the **Regional Categories/47<sup>th</sup> Annual News & Documentary Emmy Awards** competition is selected in the drop-down menu.

### Regional Categories/47th Annual News & Documentary Emmy Awards

#### Log In

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3. Click on “**Don’t have an account? Register**” to create your account if you have never used the Orthicon submission portal before.  
*\*You can then use the Log In button after your account is created.*  
*\*The Magic Link is great when you can’t remember your password!*
4. **PRO TIP:** To confirm you are in the correct competition for submissions, check the gold bar at the top of your dashboard. If you don’t see the correct competition, you can select it from the drop-down menu next to the gold bar.

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5. Once logged in to the correct competition, click on the **ADD NEW ENTRY** button on your dashboard.
6. Respond to the **Eligibility Affirmations** (first tab).
7. On the **Submission Information** tab, you'll provide the following:  
*\*Select "Not on List" for Station and Entry Title.*
  - Category**  
 NOTE: In the search box, type in Breaking, Investigative or Documentary to select the category.
  - Entry Title**
  - Chapter Name**
  - Date of Regional Awards Ceremony**
  - Station/Producing Company**
  - Entry Title**
  - Essay**
8. On the **Video & Audio** tab
  - Entry Video** (plus in/out points for a ceremony clip)
9. On the **Submission Credits** tab, you'll provide the following:  
*\*Click on Add Credit to start adding entrant information.*
  - Entrant Names and Credited Roles**  
 NOTE: The roles much match what was included on your winning entry.
  - Credit Verification Documentation**  
 Upload a PDF or screen grab showing the names of those listed on the entry. Example: An image from the Chapter's winners' list.
10. On the **Review & Submit** tab
  - Click on **Sign Entry Agreement** at the bottom of the Submission Credit page. This gives us permission to have your entry judged and to include a clip for the ceremony which will stream on our viewing platform.
11. Once you are done, click on **SUBMIT ENTRY**.  
*\*Important Note:* Please do NOT add your entry to your cart. (You can remove it if you do happen to add it.) There is no fee to submit your entry to this competition.

## QUESTIONS?

For rules or general submission related questions or technical issues during the submission process, please reach out to the appropriate competition administration team:

[news@theemmys.tv](mailto:news@theemmys.tv) – For the Breaking/Spot News and Investigative Report categories  
[doc@theemmys.tv](mailto:doc@theemmys.tv) - For the Documentary category