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NATAS EMMY® RULES

GENERAL RULES & PROCEDURES
FOR NATIONAL TELEVISION
PROGRAMMING

43RD ANNUAL
NEWS & DOCUMENTARY EMMY
AWARDS® CALL FOR ENTRIES

This book consist of two important documents. Please consult both before completing your submissions

■ THE NATAS GENERAL RULES AND PROCEDURES

which contains rules applicable across all NATAS national programming competitions.

■ THE 43RD NEWS & DOCUMENTARY EMMY AWARDS CALL FOR ENTRIES

which contains rules and procedures specific to the national News & Documentary Emmy competition.

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ABOUT NATAS

The National Academy of Television Arts & Sciences, Inc., (NATAS) is a 501(c)(6) non-profit service organization founded by the “Committee of One Hundred,” led by Ed Sullivan, in 1955. NATAS is dedicated to the advancement of the arts and sciences of television and the promotion of creative leadership for artistic, educational and technical achievements within the television industry. NATAS recognizes excellence in television with the coveted Emmy® Award. NATAS membership consists of more than 18,000 broadcast and media professionals represented in 19 regional chapters across the United States.

NATIONAL AWARDS COMMITTEE

The National Awards Committee is the governing body of all NATAS Emmy® Awards (the Children’s & Family Emmy® Awards, the Daytime Emmy® Awards, the News & Documentary Emmy® Awards, the Sports Emmy® Awards, the Technology & Engineering Emmy® Awards, and the individual Regional Emmy® Awards). The National Awards Committee is responsible for the formulation of NATAS policy on all awards matters.

In order to achieve the greatest objectivity, inclusion, and equity in administering awards policies, the National Awards Committee and competition subcommittees reflect the wide range of programming, professions, and diverse backgrounds that make up the television industry. All National Awards Committee decisions are final and binding.

NATAS AWARDS ADMINISTRATION

NATIONAL PROGRAMMING

NATAS administers four national programming contests: the Daytime Emmy® Awards, the Children’s & Family Emmy® Awards, the News & Documentary Emmy® Awards, and the Sports Emmy® Awards – each having their own dedicated administrative teams. To reach out to the respective administrative teams regarding questions about rules, eligibility, or judging for their individual contests:

Children’s & Family Emmy® Awards - childrensandfamily@theemmys.tv

Daytime Emmy® Awards - daytime@theemmys.tv

News & Documentary Emmy® Awards - news@theemmys.tv

Sports Emmy® Awards - sports@theemmys.tv

NATAS AWARDS ADMINISTRATION (CONTINUATION)

TECHNOLOGY & ENGINEERING

NATAS also administers the Technology & Engineering Emmy® Awards through peer review of scientific achievements. Questions regarding qualifications, eligibility, or process may be directed to techemmys@theemmys.tv

REGIONAL PROGRAMMING

Except for the Los Angeles area, Regional Emmy® Awards are individually administered by NATAS Regional Chapters, a full list of which is available at: <https://theemmys.tv/chapters-directory>

NON-NATAS-ADMINISTERED AWARDS

NATAS does not administer the International Emmy® Awards, Primetime Emmy® Awards, nor the Los Angeles Area Emmy® Awards. Those contests are administered by our sister Academies. To contact these Academies directly:

International - <https://www.iemmys.tv/international-academy/contact-us/>

Primetime & LA Area - <https://www.emmys.com/contact>

TRANSPARENCY REPORT

Each year, NATAS will publicly release a written Transparency Report outlining statistics as well as instances in which a significant judgement call is made by contest administration and/or the National Awards Committee regarding eligibility, ballot disqualification, or other matters which may have impacted the outcome of the competition. The report will be anonymized as much as possible to protect privacy while providing insight into the complex, often difficult, discussions and decisions that form the bedrock of any fair competition.

FORMAT OF THESE RULES

This book of Rules & Procedures outlines policies that apply across the breadth of each of the four NATAS Emmy® competitions for national programming content.

Following the release of this document will be a “Call for Entries” (CFE) for each individual contest. Each CFE outlines additional rules, exceptions, and clarifications specific to that individual contest. This document and a respective competition’s CFE collectively form the “Rule Book” of that individual competition for the entry year.

POTENTIAL FOR CORRECTIONS

These rules and procedures are subject to change or correction by NATAS at any time, with or without prior written notice. The most current and all prior versions of the document are available at <https://theemmys.tv/rules>.

NATAS has adopted a semantic versioning method of identifying revisions, with such version numbers marked in the lower-right corner of each document page, represented in the format [CONTEST YEAR].[NOTABLE REVISION].[MINOR CORRECTION].

For example, the initial publication for the 2022 competition year is numbered v.2022.0.0. Corrections to typographical errors, formatting, or other changes of minor impact will increment this to v.2022.0.1. More notable clarifications, additions, deletions, or other substantial changes will instead increment to v.2022.1.0 and be identified in an appendix listing all such modifications.

WHO MAY ENTER?

Anyone may enter! NATAS/Television Academy membership is not a condition for entry in any NATAS Emmy® competition. Producers, designated awards consultants, show contacts, or individual entrant team members may submit entries on behalf of their program, on-air talent, or craft.

If a show intends to enter multiple categories, NATAS recommends that the show designates a main contact or “Show Shepherd” to handle submissions and general communication with the contest Administration during the contest period.



Anyone entering on behalf of an individual or entity must fully confirm that the parties represented in or by the submission have complete knowledge of all eligibility rules and have viewed and given consent to the content submitted on their behalf.

ELIGIBILITY PERIOD

Programs distributed within the calendar year of January 1 to December 31, 2021 are eligible for submission, with the following exceptions:

SPORTS EMMY® AWARDS: FOOTBALL PROGRAMMING

High school, college and professional American football postseason programming that originally aired in 2021 (concluding three days after Super Bowl LVI) is eligible for entry in all categories other than Short Documentary, Long Documentary, Documentary Series and Documentary Series-Serialized. To be eligible, such football programming must have aired after 12:01 AM on February 12, 2021 and prior to 12:01 AM on February 17, 2022.

CHILDREN’S & FAMILY EMMYS®

For this first year only, the Children’s & Family Emmys® will feature an 18 month eligibility period of January 1, 2021 to May 31, 2022. Starting next year and every year thereafter, the eligibility period will mirror the Primetime Emmys® (June 1 - May 31).

CONTENT ELIGIBILITY

NATAS contests are open to telecast programming and online/digital programming. Entries must have been transmitted to the public by a television network, cable company, satellite, the internet, or other digital delivery media. Eligibility is limited to digital and telecast programming that was originally made available during the eligibility period and, as determined by contest Administration, intended for a national audience during the specific competition’s eligibility year.

CONTENT ELIGIBILITY (CONTINUATION)

All shows must contain at least two-thirds ($\frac{2}{3}$) original material as aired during the eligibility period, unless the previously-produced material has been given substantial, unique, and creative treatment that, in the opinion of NATAS, results in an original program. Content must be entered in the format of its first method of transmission.

NATAS categories are not distribution-platform-specific. All categories are open to all platforms.

VIDEO ON DEMAND (VOD)

All types of Video On Demand (VOD) releases – Transactional VOD (TVOD), Subscription VOD (SVOD), Advertising-Based VOD (AVOD), and similar technologies – are eligible for submission. In general, the first distribution of the content on any platform is the governing air date and program form for determining eligibility.

However, a national television broadcast that airs after a VOD debut may be considered to be the canonical airing if:

1. The VOD airing was not previously submitted, and
2. The national television broadcast premiere occurred within one year of its VOD debut.

NATIONAL RELEVANCE



Content, whether online or distributed via telecast or cablecast, that is intended for a specific local or regional audience, or for a particular geographic market, is eligible for a regional Emmy® Award and should be submitted to one of the [regional Emmy® competitions](#).

In determining whether content distributed online, without geographic restriction, is more appropriate for submission to a regional competition or a national one, entrants should consider the following characteristics of nationally-relevant content as guidelines:

- Subject matter is national or global in scope; not regionally or locally focused
- Material has been entered into other national award competitions
- Company/individual has entered other similar content into NATAS national competitions
- Program has been promoted to/marketed to a national audience or produced in association with a national media brand
- Either the number of subscribers to the channel surpasses the Designated Market Area population of the producer's home market OR geolocated demographics show the audience is distributed across the United States

NATIONAL RELEVANCE (CONTINUATION)

In general, self-published online content is expected to reflect a majority of these characteristics for submission to a national Emmy® competition. Otherwise, the submitter is encouraged to consider a regional contest instead.

Regional content that later receives national distribution may be submitted to either a Regional Awards competition or a relevant National Awards competition, subject to the following restrictions:

- Content may only be submitted to a single competition. A program submitted to a regional competition may not then be submitted to a national competition or another regional competition.
- All craft-category submissions associated with a program must be submitted to the same competition as the program.
- Eligibility for a regional competition is determined by the date the production was first telecast or made available via VOD in a region.
- Eligibility for a national competition is determined by the date the production was first telecast or made available via VOD nationally.
- For national eligibility, the national broadcast or VOD premiere must have occurred (a) during the national competition's eligibility period, and (b) within twenty-four (24) months of the first regional distribution of any kind.

INTERNATIONAL PRODUCTIONS



In general, productions that feature financial and/or creative involvement between both United States and international entities, distributed globally, must first premiere in the U.S. to be eligible for submission to NATAS-administered Emmy® Award competitions. Programs produced by internationally owned entities but distributed exclusively in the U.S. are also eligible in NATAS competitions. All other internationally produced and distributed productions must submit to the International Emmy® Awards.

To accommodate the scheduling of “global premieres,” however, productions that debut in the United States within one (1) week of their first broadcast or VOD distribution in any global territory are also eligible for NATAS awards consideration. Productions with such simultaneous global premieres may, pending other category eligibility criteria, be eligible in either a NATAS-administered competition and the International Emmy® Awards – but not both. A production may only enter a single Emmy® Award competition.

INTERNATIONAL PRODUCTIONS (CONTINUATION)

If a submission that originally premiered outside the U.S. but was later distributed in the U.S. is deemed ineligible for the International Emmys® competition, at the sole determination of the International Academy, and the International Academy subsequently determines the material more appropriate for a U.S. competition, the entrant may petition instead for consideration in the relevant NATAS competition. Petitions will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis under NATAS rules and a review of the extent to which the content was intended for the U.S. market.

CATEGORY AND/OR CONTEST SHOPPING

Once a program enters a specific genre category, it is prohibited from switching for the remainder of its run unless the program petitions contest administration to change categories, and the petition is thereafter accepted. Once a program enters a specific Emmy® Award contest (inclusive of the Primetime Emmy® Awards, International Emmy® Awards, and Regional Emmy® Awards administered by our sister academies and chapters), the program is bound to remain in that contest unless a petition is filed via email and thereafter accepted by contest administration. If a program switches contests, it may not switch back without further approval from contest administration.

LIMITED THEATRICAL RELEASES

Productions that have had a limited theatrical release before being telecast or made available via VOD are eligible to enter NATAS Emmy® Award contests, provided:

1. The production was first telecast or made available via VOD nationally during the eligibility period,
2. The broadcast or VOD premieres occurred within eighteen (18) months of the first commercial theatrical screening, defined as a commercial screening of seven (7) consecutive days at a single theater, and
3. The aggregate number of commercial theatrical screenings did not exceed six hundred (600) theaters.

A program loses Emmy® eligibility twenty-four (24) months after its first theatrical screening of any kind, whether such screening occurs commercially or at a film festival.

INELIGIBILITY OF OSCAR® NOMINEES

The Emmy® Awards recognize excellence in programming created first and foremost for television platforms. Our rules reiterate this expectation through policies surrounding limited theatrical releases and a submission's eligible broadcast or VOD premiere.

Programs that have received an Oscar® nomination from the Academy of Motion Picture Arts & Sciences (AMPAS) are ineligible for submission to any Emmy® award contest administered by NATAS.



While appearance on the AMPAS viewing platform will not, on its own, be cause for disqualification from NATAS competitions in 2022, NATAS shares the Television Academy's concerns regarding theatrically-focused filmmakers seeking Emmy® recognition and may consider additional rule changes for 2023.



VIRTUAL FILM FESTIVAL SCREENINGS

Due to the ongoing COVID-19 emergency, many documentary films have screened online at virtual film festivals in 2021. Such screenings are nonetheless considered to be theatrical screenings, rather than VOD screenings, for the purpose of determining Emmy® eligibility in the 2021-2022 competition year.

- a. A virtual film festival screening is not considered a VOD release, and a documentary film may not submit to an Emmy® competition solely on the basis of such a virtual film festival screening.
- b. A virtual film festival screening is not considered a VOD release, and is not used to determine whether a national telecast is within the one-year VOD-to-broadcast window within which it can be considered the "canonical airing."
- c. A virtual film festival screening is considered a film festival screening, and counts toward the twenty-four-month (24-month) window after which a film with any kind of theatrical release becomes ineligible.

NON-ENGLISH LANGUAGE ENTRIES

Entries in a language other than English are eligible, but must include either an English-language voiceover or English subtitles. Entries for the Spanish-language categories may be submitted without subtitles or voiceover and will be judged by a panel of Spanish-language media professionals who are bilingual or Spanish language-proficient.

INELIGIBLE PROGRAMMING

The following programming is not eligible:

1. Pornographic, violent, defamatory, or offensive material, except in the context of news coverage or the documentary treatment of a nonfiction subject.
2. Previously-aired programs, series, or related crafts which aired and met eligibility requirements during a previous award year or qualified for and submitted to another Emmy® Award competition, unless it qualifies via the VOD exception listed above.
3. Program-length commercials (infomercials or closed-circuit programs such as those from hotels, hospitals, movie theaters, arenas, stadiums, and other venue-specific locations) with targeted audiences.
4. Content from telethons, pledge breaks, and/or programs with a unique call to action aired for the specific purposes of raising money for political parties, charities, or other related causes. (Calls to action responding to current events within an otherwise regularly-scheduled program are permitted, however.)
5. Motion picture-premiered programs that appeared in general release to the public in theatres.
6. Compilation reels, "clip shows," or "best of..." programs that were edited from original content, except for programming eligible for the Sports Emmy® Awards.
7. No content produced or created for a regional or national Emmy® Awards show may be submitted to an Emmy® Awards contest. Related craft material is also ineligible.

ENTRY SYSTEM

All entries are submitted online via a digital awards show management system so-designated for each NATAS Emmy® Award contest. The entry site contains a guide to the standard and accepted media file formats. The person who completes the entry becomes the Entrant of Record in the system and is the contest Administration's only point of contact for follow-up information, including post-nomination requirements and communications. All NATAS contests require videos to be uploaded in order to be vetted by contest administration for eligibility and then viewed by the judges. Video submitted through other means will not be accepted.

Submission sites for the individual contests are as follows:

1. Children's & Family Emmy® Awards - childrens.theemmys.tv
2. Daytime Emmy® Awards - daytime.theemmys.tv
3. News & Documentary Emmy® Awards - news.theemmys.tv
4. Sports Emmy® Awards - sports.theemmys.tv

CATEGORY VIABILITY

In the event that contest administration and the National Awards Committee deem a category non-viable due to the number of entries, NATAS may cancel the category, merge the category with another similar category or split a category into two. If a category is cancelled, affected entrants will receive a full refund. If a category is merged with another category, or split into two categories, entrants in each affected category shall be given the option to remain in the competition in the new category framework, or to withdraw from the competition and receive a full refund of associated entry fees.

CATEGORY PLACEMENT

NATAS reserves the right to disqualify outright or move any entry to a different category or different competition if, in the judgment of NATAS Administration, such action is warranted. Entries will be rejected if no applicable category is found. Entrants will be notified when a rejection or category reassignment is made.

GETTING STARTED

Select “Sign Up Now” and create a User Profile. Once logged in to the dashboard, entrants can view the contest’s rules, a video specifications document, submit entries, register to judge, or sign up others from the production team to judge.

SUBMITTING AN ENTRY

Select “Create New Submission.” The online entry system displays categories open for entry. Once a category is selected, the entrant will progress through all pages to complete required fields and enter entrant team member information. During the entry period, entrants may save and return to a draft entry as needed to finalize it by the deadline. Once an entry has been finalized and submitted, any changes and adjustments can only be made by the contest’s Administration team after review. Many returning programs and networks appear for selection in drop-down lists. For the Daytime Emmy® Awards and News & Documentary Emmy® Awards, entrants will have the option to select “Not on List” and type the team member’s job title into the field. After submitting a “Not on List” title, the entrant must petition the contest’s Administration with details regarding the individual’s work on the entry. All “Not on List” credits are subject to approval by NATAS Administration.

Please note that technical questions regarding uploading submissions, encoding, device compatibility, and similar matters should be directed to: emmysupport@yangaroo.com or 866-992-9902 x403.

CHILDREN’S & FAMILY EMMYS® ENTRY SYSTEM



Be advised that as a new competition, the online entry system for the upcoming Children’s & Family Emmys® is subject to modification and may have functionality that differs from the procedures described here for pre-existing NATAS competitions. Submitters should consult the competition CFE and the most-recent version of this document at the time of entry for the most up-to-date system instructions.

ENTRANT RESPONSIBILITY

In order to avoid disqualification, it is the entrant’s responsibility to ensure that all rules are fully understood and followed, and that submissions are completed by each deadline date.

The entrant is also responsible for checking the source file audio/video quality before uploading. Once the submitted video has been encoded for the judging platform, a confirmation email is sent to the entrant, and the entrant MUST conduct a final review for “judging-readiness,” verifying that the video is technically sound, complete, and in compliance with all rules.

Refunds will not be issued for submissions resulting in disqualification.

If an entry is being submitted on behalf of another individual or entity, that party must have full knowledge of the entry, submission rules, and complete detail contained in the submissions.

Any measures taken to circumvent the rules outlined herein, such as submitting placeholder documents or videos for required materials with the intention of replacing them with complete materials at a later date, may result in disqualification of the entry with or without notice.



The Entrant of Record becomes the point of contact for correspondence regarding required further materials, ticketing, and statue orders in the event of a nomination and/or win. If you are a Show Shepherd, you are the point of contact for correspondence regarding further materials, ticketing, and statue orders. It is your responsibility to forward all follow-up information to your clients.

THIRD-PARTY SUBMITTERS



As the phrase is used in these Official Rules, “Third-Party Submitters” are entry-submitting individuals or entities who are not themselves engaged in the production or distribution of visual or audio-visual competition content, but rather, whose principal business purpose is instead the management, administration, facilitation, manipulation, or other processing of entry-submissions, typically for compensation, rendered on behalf of more than one (1) client network, producer, or other entrant.

As “Third-Party Submitters” are defined as having more than one client for whom they submit entries to this or other entertainment-industry competitions, individual seasonal employees and contractors working for a single submitting entrant in a single competition are therefore excluded from the definition of “Third-Party Submitter”. If there is any disagreement as to whether a particular person or entity is a “Third-Party Submitter” for NATAS purposes or purposes of any competition, the decision rendered by NATAS thereupon shall be final, determinative, and binding.

Third-Party Submitters essentially seek to act as “resellers” of access to the NATAS competition entry-system. Therefore, Third-Party Submitters are subject to additional requirements and restrictions determined by NATAS to be necessary in the best interests of the orderly administration of the competition. Additionally, NATAS reserves the right to supplement, alter, or otherwise amend these additional provisions at any time upon further posting to the NATAS Internet website or other form of notification:

THIRD-PARTY SUBMITTERS (CONTINUATION)

Secondary Contact / Entrant Representative Required: Regardless of the use of a Third-Party Submitter, the network, producer, or other entrant entering the competition must be clearly and accurately identified as the entrant and the rights-holder, and any failure to do so will automatically and summarily disqualify the corresponding entry. Third-Party Submitters must provide to NATAS, with any entry, via completion of the “Secondary Contact” field accompanying the submission of the entry-materials, the accurate full legal name and direct contact-information for the one (1) individual serving as the authorized representative (“Entrant Representative”) so designated by the entrant and rights-holder for purposes of the entry. The Entrant Representative must not be the Third-Party Submitter. The Entrant Representative must then timely execute a modified Entry License supplied by NATAS which specifically authorizes the Third-Party Submitter to act on behalf of the entrant, and any Entrant Representative failure to timely do so will automatically and summarily disqualify the corresponding entry or entries.

Suspension or Disqualification: Third-Party Submitters are expected to carry out their work on behalf of their clients in a professional manner. NATAS bears no responsibility to any entrant or any other party, for the failures of any Third-Party Submitter acting or purporting to act on an entrant’s behalf. If a Third-Party Submitter commits a significant number of errors in the context of a single competition, or commits a significant number of errors in the context of multiple competitions over time, in each case as determined by NATAS Contest Administration, the accumulation of those errors may result in a temporary or even permanent suspension of that Third-Party Submitter’s access to the competition entry-system - pending an internal, non-public, and non-appealable NATAS administrative review, conducted and exercised in the sole and subjective discretion of NATAS. If a Third-Party Submitter’s acts or omissions result in the disqualification of any entry, or if a Third-Party Submitter is suspended from entry-system access altogether, the entrant or entrants so affected may thereupon contact NATAS to seek an opportunity to resubmit the entry-material so affected, provided that all competition deadlines are nevertheless timely met regardless. NATAS bears no responsibility to any entrant or any other party, if any failure of a Third-Party Submitter leads to any failure of any entry to meet a competition deadline or otherwise be accepted for competition purposes.

Fees and Penalties: NATAS reserves the right, upon five (5) calendar days written notice to any Third-Party Submitter, and, if NATAS so elects, upon five (5) calendar days written notice to any entrant bearing any connection to the Third-Party Submitter, to assess further administrative fees as well as penalties as against the Third-Party Submitter and, in the sole discretion of NATAS, as against the entrant or entrants for whom the Third-Party Submitter purports to act, for corrections of Third-Party Submitter entries or other activities which have been mishandled by the Third-Party Submitter. Failure to timely pay those administrative fees and penalties may result, in the sole election of NATAS, in disqualification of the entry or entries to which those subject assessments may relate.

“WYSIWYT” – WHAT YOU SEE IS WHAT YOU TYPED!

Entry information appears exactly as entered by the entrant who has typed it. The text is “picked-up” automatically by computer software protocols, and is not edited by NATAS before entry. Therefore, the entrant is solely and exclusively responsible for whatever text and other characters are typed and entered. There are no exceptions.

For example - odd capitalizations, misspellings, missing credits, typing all text in lowercase, or other formatting or spelling quirks will appear exactly as submitted in all official nomination and recipient documentation, all press releases, all invitations, all print programs, all ceremony graphics including those that may be telecast on-air, all statue engravings, and everywhere else. Specifically, any entries typed in all-CAPS are not accepted - and in such cases, if still within deadline, the entrant will be asked to resubmit subject to all continuing entry deadlines.

NATAS Contest Administration is NOT liable for errors in listings that are the result of incorrect information submitted on an entry form or otherwise.

Be advised that there is only a very limited time-window of opportunity to make corrections following the nomination announcements, if such corrections are available at all in such cases. Once entries are submitted, and “closed for editing” as determined by NATAS, any further requested corrections should be e-mailed to NATAS Contest Administration.

It is understood that NATAS offers no assurances that any such corrections can or will be made in time relative to competition awards and announcements. Any requests for corrections conveyed by any method other than e-mail to the above-designated NATAS e-mail address, including without limitation via social media, will not be accepted under any circumstances.

DEADLINES

Deadlines are firm and essential to the timely adjudication of NATAS competitions. In the case of an extenuating circumstance necessitating late entry, the entrant must make their request in writing to contest Administration prior to the deadline.

PROGRAM CLIP CLEARANCE

Each entrant will be required to identify a thirty-second (0:30) portion of the submitted visual or audio-visual material for potential inclusion in the Emmy® Award ceremony and related Internet distribution, should the entry result in a nomination. The identified clip must be free and clear of any and all encumbrances or other restrictions which could limit the ability of NATAS to include the clip in the program and its distribution, publicity, and promotion, including without limitation its use in NATAS digital program archives and related digital transmissions in perpetuity.

PROGRAM CLIP CLEARANCE (CONTINUATION)

Each entrant must unqualifiedly affirm via the Entrant Clip License that all rights and clearances have been obtained and are thereby licensed to NATAS for these purposes, and that the entrant is in fact authorized to convey such rights. Organizations frequently submitting competition content may alternatively request to enter into a “master agreement” with NATAS that, when executed, may obviate the need for administering certain further individual entry licenses. Interested organizations should contact NATAS Contest Administration for referral to the NATAS General Counsel for this purpose.



Any entrant failure to timely convey necessary rights and clearances prior to the date and time of the commencement of judging, may result in the disqualification of the corresponding entry, with or without additional written notice by NATAS.

SUBMISSION AFFIRMATION



Entrants will be required to confirm that submissions have not been entered in any other Emmy® Awards contests, and that all parties included in an entry submitted on their behalf have full knowledge of the entry, submission rules and complete detail contained in the submission.

Additional confirmation takes the form of three drop down fields displayed on the entry form that must be selected and checked in order to proceed with an entry.

— Additional Information

- ★ Was this programming submitted to another Emmy competition (Primetime, News & Documentary, Daytime, Regional, International) or will it be in the future?

-- Select an answer --

- ★ Was this program produced in whole or in part by a non-US based production company?

-- Select an answer --

- ★ Are you submitting this entry on behalf of another individual or entity?

-- Select an answer --

ENTRANT TEAM MEMBERS (CREDITS)

On this page, add eligible entrant team members either individually or via the Entrant Spreadsheet.



DO NOT list the entire production cast and crew. List only those who are considered statue-eligible according to the eligible title-listing.

Entrants of Record are also responsible for ensuring each entrant is aware of and approves their respective entry submissions.

ELIGIBILITY OF CREDITED TITLES

Each contest's Call for Entries provides a list of credited titles considered eligible for inclusion in an award nomination or recognition. For the Daytime Emmy® Awards and the News & Documentary Emmy® Awards, if an entrant wishes to petition for the inclusion of an unlisted title for eligibility, the entrant must present to the contest's Administration a paragraph describing the individual's work on the project. The project's principal producer must be copied on the correspondence. Administration rulings are final.

MEDIA UPLOADS

Upload video files or any other required media (PDF and Excel files) directly into the submission on the Media Page via the "Upload New File" function. The dashboard includes a document outlining standard and accepted media file formats required to upload to an entry. Videos will be viewed by judges in the format in which they are submitted. Shortly after the upload is complete, the entrant will receive notification that the submitted video has been encoded and is ready for review and approval. Entrants must check the entire submission for optimal audio-visual quality before it is presented to the judging platform, and must repair or replace where necessary.

PAYMENT

Payment by Credit Card or ACH Transfer is strongly preferred. Please contact the NATAS Finance Department at finance-team@theemmys.tv to set up ACH Transfer.

If you must pay by check, an invoice can be generated for the entry. Please make the check payable to "The National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences" and include a printed hard copy of the invoice found on the entry dashboard. Payment is due according to invoice terms.



Late payments not received by NATAS by the end of the judging period may result in disqualification, with or without additional written notice by NATAS.

DISCOUNT

For national contests, there is NO discount granted to members of NATAS or to members of the Television Academy.

REFUNDS

Since entry fees offset administrative costs, no refunds are required to be granted, except in the case of elimination of a category.

POST-NOMINATION PROCEDURES

If an entry is nominated, contest administration will reach out to the Entrant of Record to coordinate assets necessary for production and ticketing. **It is the Entrant of Record's responsibility to communicate with clients even after the entry process is complete. All follow-up, including any information on ceremonies, is done through the Entrant of Record.**

ACCEPTORS

Nominees will submit, via the Entrant of Record, the name of one (1) person per category who will serve as the acceptor.

LATE CREDIT ADDITIONS

After the nomination announcements, changes may be made and submitted free of charge for a limited time period determined by each individual competition. After this deadline, a fee of US\$150 will be charged for each name added to the credits. This fee also applies to any changes made following the ceremonies.

Changes may only be reflected in certificates, statues, and other materials produced or published after full payment of relevant fees has been made. NATAS has no obligation to change or correct materials published prior to fee payment.

Change requests received more than thirty (30) days after the corresponding ceremony will not be accepted under any circumstances.

CREDIT FALSIFICATION

Intentional falsification of credits may result in disqualification of the entire entry by contest administration.

NO INTERNAL EDITING

A submitted excerpt must be a continuous, commercial-free segment. Editing out commercials between otherwise continuous programming segments does not constitute “internal editing.”

ERRORS AND OMISSIONS

NATAS only accepts timely competition submissions which are not in conflict with any of its rules and regulations. Ineligible entries may be disqualified by NATAS at any stage of a competition, with or without prior written notice to the submitters. NATAS assumes no responsibility for the acts or omissions of individuals or entities submitting entries.

CREDITS



NATAS assumes no responsibility to arbitrate, mediate, adjudicate, resolve, or otherwise respond to any disputes or potential disputes between program producers, or between other persons or entities bearing or claiming to bear a connection to entered material. All individuals and entities electing to submit material, are solely responsible for their entries. Specifically, all individuals and entities electing to submit material, are well-advised to very carefully review submissions to assure themselves of the correctness and completeness of all names and credits, as well as the viability and full and proper documentation of all intellectual property rights and permissions. Failure to do so may render an entry ineligible.

Only those individuals listed on the final credit list included and incorporated in entered material, will be eligible to obtain a statue, statuette, or other NATAS recognition upon determination of a winning entry, and not otherwise. NATAS will only accord a statue, statuette, or other NATAS recognition in the manner as may be identified in advance via the stated written and thereto-corresponding competition procedures. Specifically, any entrant’s credited job title must exactly correspond to the as-written and as-aired/as-transmitted/as-telecast credits included in the entry material, per the following:

CREDITS (CONTINUATION)

1. **Existing Credit Package.** If an on-air/as-transmitted/as-telecast credit-block or “credit package” exists, then, as confirmed by NATAS, that on-air credit-block or “credit package” is and shall remain the de facto document of record regarding the determination of any credited job title therein.
2. **Non-Existent Credit Package; Production Memo.** If, on the other hand and in the determination of NATAS, no on-air/as-transmitted/as-telecast credit-block, “credit package”, or other reliable credit list is made available to NATAS with the entry, then the entrant must timely submit to NATAS the dispositive production memo (if existing) for the telecast or telecasts as verification of credit and job title eligibility, but in such instances only subject to approval thereof and thereafter by NATAS if occurring. If NATAS rejects a production memo as non-dispositive, for whatever reason, it is the entrant’s sole responsibility to supply alternative acceptable proof of credits and job titles.
3. **Discrepancies.** In those rare cases wherein there is any discrepancy between the as-aired/as-transmitted/as-telecast credits on the one hand, and the credited job title indicated on or within the entry materials on the other hand, then it is the entrant’s sole responsibility to timely contact NATAS Contest Administration requesting an adjudication and determination, which NATAS may render, or not render, in the sole discretion of NATAS. NATAS accords no assurance to any entrant that any credit or job title discrepancy will be timely adjudicated or adjudicated at all. The entrant, and not NATAS, bears the sole responsibility of any unreconciled credits and job titles, and any loss of any competition opportunity resulting therefrom.



Violations of any other published rules and procedures herein may result in disqualification. Payment submitted with disqualified entries will not be returned.

DOUBLE-DIPPING



Entry into any singular NATAS contest precludes the entry of the same programming in any other Emmy® contest administered by the Television Academy, IATAS, or NATAS, including the Regional Emmy® Awards.

For example, if an entrant enters a documentary in the Sports Emmy® Awards Long Documentary category, it may not be entered subsequently in the News & Documentary Emmy® Awards.

Craft entries must follow programs into the same Emmy® Award competition as the program submission. Exceptions may be made in rare circumstances – for example, if a specific, unique craft category is only offered in one of two Emmy® Award contests, but the program or report meets eligibility requirements in both competitions. The entrant must contact NATAS Administration for prior approval of any such cross-contest entry.

ENTRY INTO SINGLE COMPETITION

The same material, identical start-to-finish, is not permitted to represent an entire submission in both a series and a feature/segment category.

If an entrant submits to a series or recurring programming category that allows the option of submitting a single episode to represent the entire series, that submitted episode may not then be submitted as- is to a feature or segment category. Likewise, an episode-length feature submitted in an individual segment category may not be submitted as the representative episode in a program category.

A feature or segment may be submitted to a feature or segment category and remain a component part of a broader program entry only if the segment represents less than fifty percent (50%) of the submitted episode's total runtime.

INDIVIDUAL ELIGIBILITY FOR A SINGLE AWARD

An individual may only be recognized with an Emmy® Award for each specific role in a production once.

An individual that is eligible for an Emmy® Award for a specific role in more than one category shall be recognized in the category most specific to their craft or role.

For example, within the News & Documentary Emmy® competition, if a team member acts as a director on an Outstanding Breaking News entry, and submits the same content to the Outstanding Direction: News craft category, the individual may receive an Emmy® Award as a director in either category, but not both. If the programming is recognized with an Emmy® Award in both the Program and Directing categories, the director will be awarded a statue in the Directing category only.

INDIVIDUAL ELIGIBILITY FOR PROGRAM AWARDS

For program categories that allow submissions of excerpts from different episodes to be entered, such as The Sports Emmy® categories of Outstanding Studio Show Daily, Outstanding Documentary Series or Outstanding Hosted Edited Series, an individual, in order to be statue-eligible, must have worked and received credit on a minimum number of the total episodes of the show broadcast in the eligibility year. The minimum episode count required varies by competition and category and is specified in each competition's Call for Entries.

EMERGENCY DISCLAIMER



NATAS reserves the right to modify competition or event rules, procedures, policies, and calendars in response to any public emergency, natural disaster, civil unrest, or act of war, or for any other reason, including, without limitation, the COVID-19 pandemic. Please read individual competition Calls for Entries and category descriptions for any temporary rule changes. Additional updates may be published during the contest year on the NATAS website and social media channels, or announced by email to registered entrants and "Show Shepherds."

WHAT IS PEER JUDGING?

NATAS contests are judged category-by-category by a panel of experts in that particular field – for example, editors judge editing. Specific qualifications for judges per each individual contest are outlined in each contest’s rules. The success of the Emmy® Awards process depends on the willingness of qualified professionals to serve as judges.

JUDGES ARE VOLUNTEERS

Judges for all NATAS Emmy® Award contests are volunteers. Judges do not receive any compensation for participation.

JUDGING RESPONSIBILITIES

With a few exceptions, noted in each individual contest’s Call for Entries, judging is done entirely online. Judges must sign up to judge. Contest administration will verify credentials and eligibility of potential judges and assign approved judges to category panels based on their backgrounds and expertise. Judging requires watching embedded videos and then scoring all entries in their designated categories.

NATAS contests do NOT use a “check one” or ranked system of judging. The judging time-window is several weeks. Judges evaluate each entry on its individual merits and judges are permitted to give the same score to multiple entries. Each category has a minimum percentage per entry that judges are required to view prior to being permitted to submit a score. After an entry in the category is viewed by at least the minimum amount, the judge’s ballot will open up and become available for scoring. Each entry is judged individually on its own merits based on each judge’s individual perception of excellence.

All judging criteria and procedures, including scoring scale, minimum scores required for nomination, and tie-breaking procedures, are determined by the National Awards Committee.

In order to maintain fair, consistent peer judging without influence, judges must not disclose how they voted. If they ignore or abuse this privilege, their ballot will be disqualified and/or their judging status revoked.



JUDGING METHODOLOGY

1. SCORING SCALE

Submissions in NATAS contests are scored on a scale of 1 to 7, with 7 being the highest possible score and 1 being the lowest possible score.

2. NOMINEE COUNT

In each category, there is a default target of one (1) winner and five (5) nominees. In any category where the tabulated scores result in such a clearly-defined winner and collection of nominees, that one (1) winner and five (5) nominees will be so-certified. The target nominee count for a category may be reduced or increased, at the direction of the National Awards Committee, in proportion to the number of entries in the category as it relates to the competition average.

3. MINIMUM VIABILITY FOR NOMINATION

In general, submissions must have an average judge-assigned score of 4.0 ("Good – Worthy of a Nomination") or greater to qualify for nomination. No submission shall be eligible for nomination if the average judges' score is less than 3.0 ("Average – Potentially Worthy of a Nomination"). Submissions with average scores between 3.0 and 4.0 may be nominated at the discretion of the National Awards Committee.

4. TIEBREAKING

Ties for the win will be broken, if possible, by comparing the high scores for each tied entry (the number of 7's and 6's received by each tied entry). In cases where ties cannot be broken by this method, there may be multiple winning entries in a given category.

Ties for nomination, not affecting the win, will not be broken and all tied entries will instead be nominated if the resulting number of nominations will remain within the maximum number of allowable nominations. The maximum number of nominations is seven (7) by default, but may be reduced or increased, at the direction of the National Awards Committee, in proportion to the number of entries in the category as it relates to the competition average.

Ties for nomination that would result in a number of nominees in excess of the maximum nomination number will be broken using the methodology applied to ties for the win.

5. NATURAL CUTOFFS

When a statistically significant distinction appears in the distribution of tabulated scores such that, in the consideration of the National Awards Committee, that distinction presents a more appropriate method for nominee selection, the Committee may, at its option, employ that method.

6. JUDGING IMPROPRIETY

Judging scores and behavioral patterns are monitored via algorithms for potential outliers that may indicate improper behavior such as coordination, bias, or manipulation. Ballots identified by the algorithms are investigated by the competition auditor, who then determines whether to refer the matter to the National Awards Committee for further investigation and/or adjudication. All matters determined to be instances of judging impropriety requiring Committee action are subsequently disclosed in the Transparency report.

7. ANONYMITY

All determinations by the National Awards Committee regarding target and maximum nominee counts, nomination viability, natural cutoffs, and judging impropriety are conducted entirely on the basis of anonymized scores provided by the auditor. At no time are Committee members provided names of submissions, judges, or any other identifying information which could impact their decision. Except where necessary, the affected category is not even disclosed. Some identifying information may be disclosed to the Committee and Administrative staff for further investigation and corrective purposes after the conclusion of the competition and associated ceremony only.

JUDGING RECRUITMENT



Competition judges must receive no remuneration, compensation, or other consideration for their efforts as competition judges. Period.

Neither any entity nor any individual may offer any compensation of any kind to anyone for signing-up to be a competition judge – be it via payment, or by way of offering to provide access to parties, other events, or other benefits.

Organizations submitting competition entries may elect, and are indeed encouraged, to recruit people from inside their respective organizations to serve as judges (“internal recruiting”).

However, any use of “coordinated recruitment” or “recruiting programs” of the nature below-described, shall be deemed strictly prohibited unless approved in advance by NATAS on a case-by-case basis in the manner as follows:

- (A). Any proposed hosting of an event with invitees from outside the submitting organization for the express purpose of recruiting judges; or
- (B). Any proposed distribution of any materials to more than fifty (50) persons outside the submitting organization with the express purpose of recruiting judges; must in either case first be reported to NATAS Contest Administration in writing and in advance of the proposed initiative. The proposed initiative must not be taken unless approved in writing and in advance by NATAS in each case, which NATAS may elect to render, or not, in its sole discretion.

Additionally, on their judging applications, all proposed judges must fully disclose as a potential conflict-of-interest any and all relationships that they may have to any “recruiting program” or “coordinated recruitment”, other than the aforementioned permitted internal recruiting conducted by the corresponding entrant organization itself. Any failure by either the entrant or the judge to fully disclose to NATAS all activities of coordinated recruitment and all recruiting programs, is grounds for disqualification of the judge’s ballot, and disqualification of the competition entry or entries corresponding to the coordinated recruitment or recruiting program and the entrant, each in the sole discretion of NATAS.

BALLOT CONFIDENTIALITY

All judges for NATAS contests are expressly forbidden from disclosing, to anyone, what entries they judged, their opinion of materials viewed, or the scores they assigned. This prohibition applies, without limitation, to any communications with colleagues, friends, family members, other judges, other submitters, the press, on Social Media, or elsewhere. Violations of this policy may result in disqualification of the ballot and/or judge, and potential disqualification of associated submissions.

CHALLENGES AND/OR INAPPROPRIATE SITUATIONS

The fair adjudication of all NATAS competitions is of foremost importance. Any individual or organization that has observed potential impropriety or inappropriate behavior by any entrant, judge, administration staff, or others in the course of the competition, or that has any concerns about a submission, judging, or other awards procedures or processes, is encouraged to report the matter immediately to NATAS by sending an email to reports@theemmys.tv.

All substantive reports will be thoroughly and quickly investigated. The identity of the reporting party shall be kept confidential.

RESULTS CONFIDENTIALITY

From the time of the nomination announcement until the winners are announced at the respective live ceremonies, the identities of award recipients in judged categories are known only by an independent accounting firm, unless exceptional production accommodations are made for prerecorded presentations or emergency situations. Any such exceptions must be pre-approved in writing by the chairs of NATAS and the National Awards Committee and shall be disclosed during the ceremony itself.

Lifetime Achievement Emmy® Award honorees, scholarship recipients, and juried category awardees are known to contest Administration and announced prior to the ceremony.

POST-NOMINATION PROCEDURES

If an entry is nominated, contest administration will reach out to the Entrant of Record to coordinate assets necessary for production and ticketing. **It is the Entrant of Record's responsibility to communicate with clients even after the entry process is complete. All follow-up, including any information on ceremonies, is done through the Entrant of Record.**

WHO RECEIVES A STATUE?

Each winning entry receives one (1) gratis statue. All individuals with an Emmy® Award-eligible credit vetted by NATAS Administration will be able to order a Recipient statue. One name may be engraved per statue. The name approved in credits is the name that will be engraved on the statue.



The Entrant of Record will receive an email from awards@theemmys.tv with information about logging into the online ordering system.

Statue eligibility is limited to individuals – networks or other corporate entities are not eligible for Recipient statues. Statue orders take, on average, three (3) to four (4) weeks to process once the order is received.

BAND ENGRAVING

Standard format for all statues is as follows:

COMPETITION NAME
CATEGORY NAME
PROGRAM TITLE
SEGMENT (IF APPLICABLE)
NETWORK
FIRST NAME LAST NAME, POSITION

COMMEMORATIVE EMMY® STATUES

Commemorative statues are available for a network, studio, or production company that was principally involved with the winning program or achievement, as determined by NATAS. The studio or production company name may also be included on the engraving.

The word “commemorative” is engraved at the rear of the statue. Commemorative statues cannot be ordered by individuals.

NOMINATION CERTIFICATES

Nomination Certificates are no longer offered gratis by NATAS. Nomination certificates are only available to individuals designated as Emmy nominees. Certificates are available for ordering, along with upgraded product offerings, on the same ordering website where recipients order statues.

CONTRIBUTOR CERTIFICATES OR PLAQUES

Contributor certificates or plaques are available for all individuals who contributed to nominated or winning projects who are otherwise ineligible for the Emmy® Award statue. Only verified production staff are eligible for contributor certificates. Subjects of documentary films or news reports are not eligible.

AWARD OWNERSHIP



Emmy® Awards are presented to individuals, not their employers, even if an employer pays entry or statue fees. Ownership of each Emmy® Award statue is retained by the National Academy of Television Arts & Sciences, Inc.

RULES FOR THE PROTECTION OF THE EMMY® STATUE OR STATUETTE

1. The Emmy® statue or statuette is the property of and all rights are reserved by the Television Academy and the National Academy of Television Arts & Sciences (“Academies”).
2. The Emmy® statue or statuette may not be reproduced or used in any commercial manner unless otherwise permitted by the Academies, it being understood that possession of the statue or statuette is solely for the benefit of the recipient and the recipient’s heirs or other successors-in-interest.
3. If a recipient or the recipient’s heir or successor in interest proposes to sell, auction, or otherwise dispose of an Emmy® statue or statuette, such persons shall be obligated to return the statue or statuette to the Academy from which received, which will retain the same in storage in memory of the recipient.

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PROMOTION

Emmy® Award recipients may refer in advertising and publicity to the fact that they are the current Emmy® Award recipient only for one (1) year after the date upon which recognition was bestowed. Recipients may use a replica of the Emmy® Award statue in such advertising within such one (1) year period only. Individuals who contributed to the production or craft but were not honored with a statue themselves may not advertise they are an Emmy® Award recipient. Rather, they may only state that they worked on the recognized program.

A registration mark (“®”) and the appropriate copyright notice (“©ATAS/NATAS”) must accompany any portrayal of the Emmy® Award statue or moniker. The word “Best” may not be used in the promotion of an Emmy® Award, unless the term “Best” is part of the title of an Emmy® Award category (such as “Best Documentary”).

After the one (1) year period, recipients may use language promoting their status as an Emmy® Award recipient in perpetuity, so long as such references do not include use of the statue image.

Both current and past Emmy® Award nominees may promote their nominations in writing, with or without category titles, and with or without years, but never with usage of the statue image.

For more information visit our website: <https://theemmys.tv/trademarks>

ACCEPTOR

The one designated individual who will ascend the stage at the ceremony and speak should the entry be announced as the winner. Numerous individuals from a winning team may join the acceptor onstage, but only the acceptor is permitted to speak.

AIRDATE

The original date on which the content was either aired on television, streamed online, or otherwise made available through other eligible means. This Airdate is used to determine the eligibility of the content.

ASSETS

Required supplemental materials that need to be uploaded before the entry is complete. Assets include videos, supporting documentation, artwork, and the Emmy® essay.

ASSOCIATED CATEGORIES

Categories other than Program (Series or Special) categories for which the submitted content may also be eligible. Associated Categories include related Performer or Host categories and Craft categories.

BAND ENGRAVING

The text engraved on each individual statue.

BLUE RIBBON JUDGING

The final round of judging of industry peers that establishes not only the nominees but also the recipient (or recipients) in each category.

CALL FOR ENTRIES

The published contest-specific and by-category submission guide for each individual contest.

CEREMONY CLIP

A short selection of a nominated program that is provided by the entrant according to NATAS hi-resolution specifications with necessary associated rights and clearances for inclusion in ceremony production, publicity, promotion, and archives.

COMMEMORATIVE STATUE

A display Emmy available to networks, studios, and production companies principally involved with the winning program or achievement. The studio or production company name may also be included on the engraving. The word “commemorative” is engraved at the rear of the statue. Commemorative statues cannot be ordered by individuals.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST

A professional or personal bias that would prevent a prospective judge from fairly adjudicating a specific category, such as direct involvement in the production of an entry, or a special relationship with someone directly involved in the production, such as a spouse or significant other.

CONTRIBUTOR PLAQUE/CERTIFICATE

In the event of an Emmy® win, individuals who worked on the project, but are not statue eligible, can order a Contributor Plaque or Certificate when their contribution is verified by a senior producer or craft lead. This is **not** an Emmy® Award. Only production staff are eligible for contributor certificates. Subjects of documentary films or news reports are not eligible. Nomination certificates are only available to individuals designated as Emmy nominees.

CRAFT CATEGORY

A category recognizing specialists in the various technical and artistic fields of television production.

CREDIT

How a person is billed on a television production (for example, “Producer” or “Lighting Designer”) that determines eligibility for recognition in a category.

CREDIT LIST

A list provided by the entrant of all individuals requested to be Emmy® eligible based on their credited titles.

DTE

Abbreviation for Daytime Emmys®.

DOUBLE-DIPPING

Entering the same programming in more than one NATAS Emmy® contest, and/or receiving more than one Emmy® for the same job title, both of which are expressly prohibited.

EARLY ENTRY DEADLINE

For the Daytime Emmys® and the News & Documentary Emmys®. An earlier deadline by which, with receipt of specific materials and entry fees, an entrant may receive a reduction in entry fees by submitting their entry earlier than the final deadline.

ELIGIBILITY YEAR

The calendar year. All entries in 2022 NATAS Emmy® contests must have an original airdate in calendar-year 2021 to be eligible, with the exception of the inaugural year of the Children's & Family Emmys® and football programming in the Sports Emmys®.

EMMY® ELIGIBLE/STATUE-ELIGIBLE

Describes an individual deemed by NATAS to be eligible to receive an Emmy® Award, based on their credited title. Also referred to as Statue-Eligible.

EMMY® ESSAY

A short essay designed to allow the entrant to explain to judges what makes a particular submission Emmy® worthy, and which includes specifics to consider during the judging process.

ENTRANT OF RECORD

The person who fills out the information necessary for an entry, and is therefore the contact of record for all necessary follow-ups from NATAS.

ENTRY

A submission to a NATAS Emmy® contest.

EPISODE

A single coherent narrative unit within a larger series, as determined by NATAS.

FINAL ENTRY DEADLINE

The last date to submit an entry to an Emmy® contest. The date and time by which all entry materials must be received in order for an entry to be included in an Emmys® contest.

FIRST TRANSMISSION

The method, date, time, and format by which content was initially presented.

INNOVATOR

For the Sports Emmys®. Those individuals who invent, make changes, create, or introduce new processes, devices, techniques, or systems. Generally they are the creators of the innovation; planners and not executors of the idea. They are generally not the managers, supervisors, executives, approvers or financiers of the project.

INTERNATIONAL ACADEMY OF TELEVISION ARTS & SCIENCES (IATAS)

The NATAS sister organization and arbiter of the International Emmys®.

INNOVATOR

A qualified industry professional who volunteers to serve on a panel or panels - as assigned by contest Administration - to watch the video content associated with each entry and fairly adjudicate Emmy® worthiness.

JURIED AWARD

For the Daytime Emmys® - a category, such as Individual Achievement in Animation, which is decided by judges who look collectively at each entry in each discipline and decide by unanimous vote if the work merits zero, one, or multiple awards.

LATE CREDIT ADDITION

Adding additional Emmy® eligible/statue-eligible names to the nomination or winners list after each contest's individual deadline, at which point a late fee of US\$150 per credit is charged. Late credit additions are not allowed more than thirty (30) calendar days after the ceremony for any reason.

LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT

A non-judged award approved by the NATAS Awards Committee given for extraordinary career accomplishments in a television discipline.

LIVE PANEL JUDGING

Judging that takes place in-person, at which the panel watches the material all together as a group, but casts individual secret ballots.

MEMBERSHIP

An individual can be a member of either the Television Academy (formerly ATAS and home of the Primetime Emmys) and/or an individual regional Chapter of the National Academy of Television Arts & Sciences. There is currently no national NATAS membership. Some categories in the Daytime Emmys® are judged by members only, inclusive of membership to either organization or other approved organizations.

MINIMUM VIEWING

Each category has a requirement of what percentage of each submission needs to be watched before a judge's ballot opens for them to input their scores. The minimum viewing requirement differs from category-to-category, but the same percentage applies to all entries within a specific category.

NATAS

The National Academy of Television Arts & Sciences, Inc., is the administrator of the Children's & Family, Daytime, News & Documentary, Sports, and Technology & Engineering Emmy® Awards.

NOMINATION RELEASE

A press release published when the nominations are announced. The initial nomination release may include just the nominated program titles, and may later be updated to include a complete list of all associated individuals who are nominated.

NOMINATION CERTIFICATE

A certificate available for all individuals listed on the nomination release.

NOMINEE

A team member associated with a submission that has been judged and deemed as Emmy® nominated.

NOT ON LIST

For the Daytime Emmys® and the News & Documentary Emmys®. A title which is not deemed Statue-Eligible under defined competition rules, but for which the entrant seeks to petition NATAS Administration for eligibility consideration.

PEER JUDGING

Judging policy of all NATAS Emmy® contests whereby each category is judged solely by individuals qualified in that specific field.

PERFORMER CATEGORY

For the Daytime Emmys®. Any category associated with on-screen talent, including acting, hosting, and voiceover.

PRELIMINARY ROUND JUDGING

A first round of judging applied to categories that, based on number of entries and length of screen time, would create an unreasonable viewing length for judges, or that contain a high proportion of self-published programs, as determined by NATAS. All entries in this round of judging are split at random and the scores generated by the judges create a “shortlist” of entries which are advanced to the final Blue Ribbon Judging Round.

PROGRAM

A production of television content that stands alone as a complete show, as determined by NATAS.

REEL CATEGORY

For the Daytime Emmys®. Any category requiring the entrant to submit a video containing a composite of materials from within the eligibility period as opposed to a full episode, as determined by NATAS.

REGIONAL EMMYS

Emmys administered by the 19 Regional NATAS chapters.

SEGMENT

A portion of a telecast.

SERIES

A collection of programs on the same subject matter or having the same production elements and techniques, which is scheduled to occur on some regular basis, as determined by NATAS.

SHORT FORMAT

For the Daytime Emmys® and Children’s & Family Emmys®. Content that runs less than approximately fifteen (15) minutes, or less than approximately nine (9) minutes (in the context of a Short Format Children’s Program).

SHOW SHEPHERD

An Entrant of Record who does mass entering for multiple categories for a single show, multiple shows, or for a production entity or studio.

SPECIAL

A single original program which is not part of a series, or a special edition of a regularly-scheduled program or series, as determined by NATAS.

STATUE / STATUETTE

An honorific trophy used to recognize an Emmy® Award recipient.

SUBMISSION

A completed entry.

TEAM AWARD

Any category which has more than one Emmy® eligible individual per entry.

TEAM MEMBER

Any Emmy® eligible individual associated with a submitted entry, as determined by NATAS.

TELEVISION ACADEMY

The NATAS sister organization and arbiter of the Primetime Emmys®.

THIRD PARTY SUBMITTER

Third party submitters are those not engaged in the production or distribution of video content, but rather whose principal business purpose is the management of awards submissions on the paid behalf of program producers.

TIME INTO VIDEO

A 30 second portion of the entry video designated by the Entrant to be used by production for packages in the event of a nomination.

TOTAL RUNNING TIME

The complete running time of the program or episode as aired, as determined by NATAS.

TOTAL SUBMISSION TIME

The complete running time of the entry as entered, as determined by NATAS.

TRANSPARENCY REPORT

A written document released publicly after the close of the NATAS contest year, highlighting statistics and significant administrative determinations that may have impacted the overall competition.

WYSIWYT

“What You See Is What You Typed.” All information in an entry will appear on supplemental materials, such as the nomination release and the ceremony program, exactly as was entered online. Typos such as misspellings and mis-capitalizations must be manually corrected by the Entrant of Record.

VOD

Video on Demand. All NATAS contests accept content in all forms of VOD and streaming.

YANGAROO

A third-party digital platform on which entering and judging of several NATAS contests is conducted.



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The News & Documentary Emmy® Awards recognize outstanding achievement in the fields of news and documentary by conferring annual awards of merit. The awards are intended as an incentive for the continued pursuit of excellence for those working in the broadcast journalism and documentary filmmaking professions.

Each year a call for entries is made available to a wide cross section of the national broadcast and online news and documentary community. Entries are solicited from national broadcast news organizations, cable companies, online news and documentary producers, streaming services, syndicators and independent producers.

Submissions are screened and evaluated throughout the months of May and June. Submission videos, ballots and judging instructions are delivered to judges who review the submissions and cast their ballots. Entries are judged online by panelists who are certified as peers. Each judge casts a secret ballot. Judges' votes are not shared with other judges or with members of The National Academy of Television Arts & Sciences. They are tabulated by an independent accounting firm.

The nominees are announced in mid-July and posted on the NATAS website: www.theemmys.tv. This year's Emmy® recipients will be announced at separate News & Documentary Emmy® Awards award ceremonies in September 2022. Awards in the News categories will be presented on September 28 and awards in the Documentary categories will be presented on September 29.

WHO DO I CONTACT IF I HAVE A QUESTION?

For questions regarding the administration of the contest - eligibility, submissions, and judging - please contact:

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- David Winn; Head of News & Documentary Awards; 212-484- 9424; dwinn@theemmys.tv

For questions regarding technical support and the Yangaroo submission site, please contact emmysupport@yangaroo.com or 866-992-9902.

MARCH 22

Early deadline for submissions (reduced entry fee)

APRIL 19

Final deadline for submissions

MAY 10 – MAY 24

First round of Emmy® judging

JUNE 14 – JUNE 28

Final round of Emmy® judging

LATE JULY (TBA)

Nominations Announced at www.theemmys.tv

SEPTEMBER 28

Awards in News Categories Presented

SEPTEMBER 29

Awards in Documentary Categories Presented

ENTRY FEES

EARLY DEADLINE

ENTRIES SUBMITTED BY MARCH 22, 2022:

Categories 1-2, 4-39, 41-45 & 62 (Programs/Segments, Interactive Media & Promos): \$400

Categories 3 & 40 (Emerging Journalist & Journalist in Spanish language Media): \$300

Categories 46- 61 (Craft Achievement and Technical Achievement): \$250

FINAL DEADLINE

ENTRIES SUBMITTED AFTER MARCH 22, 2022 (**Final entry deadline is April 19**):

Categories 1-2, 4-39, 41-45 & 62 (Programs/Segments, Interactive Media & Promos): \$500

Categories 3 & 40 (Emerging Journalist & Journalist in Spanish language Media): \$400

Categories 46- 61 (Craft Achievement and Technical Achievement): \$350

EARLY DEADLINE

Entries received by March 22, 2022, receive a reduced entry fee. All submission materials (entrant information, submission essay, submission video etc.) must be submitted by March 22 to receive the discounted entry fee.

PAYMENT

Payment by Credit Card or ACH Transfer is strongly preferred. Please contact the NATAS Finance Department at finance-team@theemmys.tv to set up ACH Transfer.

If paying by check, an invoice can be generated for the entry. Please make the check payable to "NATAS/[Contest Name]" and include a printed hard copy of the invoice found in Yangaroo. Payment is due according to invoice terms.

REFUNDS

As fees are for administrative costs, no refunds will be granted, except in the case of elimination of a category.

*TWO (2) SEPARATE RULEBOOKS

There are now two separate rulebooks entrants must consult before submitting to the News & Documentary Emmy Awards and any other national NATAS Emmy contest.

THE GENERAL RULES AND PROCEDURES

- Which contains rules applicable across all national programming competitions (Daytime, Sports, News & Documentary)

THE NEWS & DOCUMENTARY EMMY AWARDS CALL FOR ENTRIES

- Which contains rules and procedures specific to the national News & Documentary competition

Both the General Rules and News & Doc Call for Entries are contained in this document. Please consult both rulebooks before completing your submissions.

*NEW CATEGORY

1. OUTSTANDING LIVE NEWS PROGRAM

This category recognizes overall excellence in a live news program over the course of the calendar year 2021. Submissions are limited to regularly scheduled news broadcasts or branded blocks of news programming that cover current and ongoing news stories. News specials and other non-regularly scheduled news broadcasts, and stand-alone digital reports that are not a part of a regularly scheduled digital news broadcast, are not eligible in this category. This category is limited to programs that are aired live: programs, typically with an anchor or host, that are broadcast in real time. See below for eligibility criteria for “live-to-tape” broadcasts. Entries may include pre-recorded segments that air as part of the broadcast, but in order to be eligible for this category, the program itself must be a regularly scheduled program that is broadcast live, in real time. Shows that are pre-recorded must submit to category 2/Outstanding Recorded News Program.

This category replaces the 2021 / 42nd News & Documentary Emmy Award category for Outstanding Newscast.

See [page 75](#) for more information.

*NEW CATEGORY

2. OUTSTANDING RECORDED NEWS PROGRAM

This category recognizes overall excellence in a recorded news program over the course of the calendar year 2021. Submissions are limited to regularly scheduled news broadcasts. News specials and other non-regularly scheduled news broadcasts, and stand-alone digital reports that are not a part of a regularly scheduled digital news broadcast, are not eligible in this category. This category is limited to programs that are recorded for later broadcast, as opposed to live programs broadcast in real time.

This category replaces the 2021 / 42nd News & Documentary Emmy Award category for Outstanding Newscast.

See [page 77](#) for more information.

*NEW CATEGORY

39. OUTSTANDING NEWS PROGRAM IN SPANISH

This category recognizes overall excellence in a Spanish language news program over the course of the calendar year 2021. Submissions are limited to regularly scheduled news broadcasts or branded blocks of news programming that cover current and ongoing news stories. News specials and other non-regularly scheduled news broadcasts, and stand-alone digital reports that are not a part of a regularly scheduled digital news broadcast, are not eligible in this category.

This category replaces the 2021 / 42nd News & Documentary Emmy Award category for Outstanding Newscast or Newsmagazine in Spanish.

See [page 109](#) for more information.

*NEW CATEGORY

3. OUTSTANDING EMERGING JOURNALIST

The category recognizes individual excellence by a broadcast or digital journalist in the early stages of their career. Eligible positions include reporters, anchors, hosts and co-hosts, and other journalistic roles on a case-by-case basis. Entry video should demonstrate the entrant's individual excellence in news coverage of a single or multiple stories over the course of the 2021 eligibility year.

Entrants must be:

- Under 35 years of age (i.e. must not have turned 35 by the competition's eligibility year deadline of December 31, 2021.) Entry constitutes certification of age eligibility. NATAS or a third-party verification service may reach out during the vetting process to confirm eligibility.
- Journalists who are 35 years of age or older are eligible if they have been working in an eligible capacity for 5 years or less. This designation is subject to advance approval by NATAS. Please email News & Doc Emmy staff at News@TheEmmys.tv.

See [page 79](#) for more information.

*NEW CATEGORY

40. OUTSTANDING JOURNALIST IN SPANISH LANGUAGE MEDIA

The category recognizes individual excellence by a broadcast or digital journalist working in Spanish language media. Eligible positions include reporters, anchors, hosts and co-hosts, and other journalistic roles on a case-by-case basis. Entry video should demonstrate the entrant's individual excellence in news coverage of a single or multiple stories over the course of the 2021 eligibility year.

See [page 110](#) for more information.

*NEW CATEGORY

24. OUTSTANDING CRIME AND JUSTICE COVERAGE

This category is reserved for coverage of crime, the law, and other legal and criminal justice related topics by news organizations.

See [page 100](#) for more information.

*NEW CATEGORY

36. OUTSTANDING CRIME AND JUSTICE DOCUMENTARY

This category is reserved for documentaries focused on crime, the law, and other legal and criminal justice related topics.

See [page 105](#) for more information.

*REVISIONS TO THE FOLLOWING CATEGORIES FORMERLY GROUPED UNDER THE NEWSCAST AND NEWSMAGAZINE HEADINGS.

The categories below are no longer grouped under the heading of Newscast and Newsmagazine and have been redefined as follows.

*The three former Breaking News categories have been consolidated into the two categories below:

- 4. Outstanding Live Breaking News Coverage. See [page 80](#) for more information.
- 5. Outstanding Edited Breaking News Coverage. See [page 81](#) for more information.

*The former Outstanding Continuing News Coverage in a Newscast and Outstanding Continuing News Coverage in a Newsmagazine categories have been redefined as:

- 6. Outstanding Continuing News Coverage: Short Form. See [page 83](#) for more information.
- 7. Outstanding Continuing News Coverage: Long Form. See [page 84](#) for more information.

Note: These categories will now require at least two segments or reports from at least two different airdates in each submission.

*The former Outstanding Investigative Report in a Newscast and Outstanding Investigative Report in a Newsmagazine categories have been redefined as:

- 12. Outstanding Investigative News Coverage: Short Form. See [page 89](#) for more information.
- 13. Outstanding Investigative News Coverage: Long Form. See [page 90](#) for more information.

*The three former Feature Story categories—Long Feature and Short Feature in a Newscast, along with Feature Story in a Newsmagazine, have been expanded to four feature categories, and redefined as follows:

- 8. Outstanding Soft Feature Story: Short Form. See [page 85](#) for more information.
- 9. Outstanding Soft Feature Story: Long Form. See [page 86](#) for more information.
- 10. Outstanding Hard News Feature Story: Short Form. See [page 87](#) for more information.
- 11 Outstanding Hard News Feature Story: Long Form. See [page 88](#) for more information.

*The former Best Story in a Newscast and Best Story in a Newsmagazine categories have been redefined as:

-25. Best News Coverage—Short Form. See [page 101](#) for more information.

-26. Best News Coverage—Long Form. See [page 102](#) for more information.

***REVISIONS TO THE OUTSTANDING NEWS SPECIAL CATEGORY**

The former category for Outstanding News Special has been split into two categories:

-14. Outstanding Live News Special. See [page 91](#) for more information.

-15. Outstanding Recorded News Special. See [page 92](#) for more information.

***REVISIONS TO THE OUTSTANDING INTERACTIVE MEDIA CATEGORIES**

The three former genre based Interactive Media categories—for news, documentary, and arts, lifestyle and culture, have been redefined as follows:

-44. Outstanding Interactive Media. See [page 115](#) for more information.

-45. Outstanding Interactive Media: Innovation. See [page 115](#) for more information.

***ELIMINATION OF THE OUTSTANDING INTERVIEW IN SPANISH CATEGORY**

The category for Outstanding Interview in Spanish has been eliminated beginning with the 43rd News & Documentary Emmy competition. Interviews from Spanish language broadcasts may submit to either of the two additional interview categories 18/Outstanding Live Interview or 19/Outstanding Edited Interview.

***ASSOCIATE PRODUCERS NOW STATUE-ELIGIBLE IN NON-CRAFT CATEGORIES**

Associate Producers are now considered statue-eligible in non-craft categories. This policy change takes effect with the 43rd News & Documentary Emmy Awards and is not retroactive. See [page 67](#) for more info, as well as the individual category definitions, which list statue-eligible titles for individual categories.

***WRITERS MAY NOW BE INCLUDED IN THE STATUE-ELIGIBLE CREDITS IN NON-CRAFT CATEGORIES**

Writers may now be included in the statue-eligible credits for non-craft categories. This policy change takes effect with the 43rd News & Documentary Emmy Awards and is not retroactive. As is the case with other craft titles where this is allowed—editors, camerapersons, directors—a writer that wins an Emmy in the Writing craft category cannot also be included in the winning credits for the same story or content in a Program/Segment category. In the case of a win for the same story, report or coverage in both a Writing and a Program/Segment category, the writer will be awarded a statue in the Writing category only. See [page 67](#) for more information, as well as the individual category definitions, which list statue-eligible titles for individual categories.

***TIME CODE FOR 30-SECOND CEREMONY VIDEO CLIP NOW REQUIRED AS PART OF ENTRY PROCESS**

As part of the submission process, all entrants will be required to identify a thirty-second (0:30) portion of the submitted entry video for potential inclusion in the News & Documentary Emmy Award ceremony, should the entry result in a nomination. The identified clip must be free and clear of any and all encumbrances which could limit the ability of NATAS to include the clip in the program and its distribution, publicity, and promotion, including without limitation digital program archives, in perpetuity. Entrants must affirm that all necessary rights and clearances have been obtained and are thereby licensed to NATAS for these purposes, and that the entrant is authorized to convey such rights.

***FILMS WITH A LIMITED THEATRICAL RELEASE (SEE PAGE 9 OF THE NATAS GENERAL RULES & PROCEDURES)**

LIMITED THEATRICAL RELEASES

Productions that have had a limited theatrical release before being telecast or made available via VOD are eligible to enter NATAS Emmy® Award contests, provided:

1. The production was first telecast or made available via VOD nationally during the eligibility period,
2. The broadcast or VOD premieres occurred within eighteen (18) months of the first commercial theatrical screening, defined as a commercial screening of seven (7) consecutive days at a single theater, and

3. The aggregate number of commercial theatrical screenings did not exceed six hundred (600) theaters.

A program loses Emmy® eligibility twenty-four (24) months after its first theatrical screening of any kind, whether such screening occurs commercially or at a film festival.

***INELIGIBILITY OF OSCAR® NOMINEES (SEE PAGE 10 OF THE NATAS GENERAL RULES & PROCEDURES)**

The Emmy® Awards recognize excellence in programming created first and foremost for television platforms. Our rules reiterate this expectation through policies surrounding limited theatrical releases and a submission's eligible broadcast or VOD premiere.

Programs that have received an Oscar® nomination from the Academy of Motion Picture Arts & Sciences (AMPAS) are ineligible for submission to any Emmy® award contest administered by NATAS.

While appearance on the AMPAS viewing platform will not, on its own, be cause for disqualification from NATAS competitions in 2022, NATAS shares the Television Academy's concerns regarding theatrically-focused filmmakers seeking Emmy® recognition and may consider additional rule changes for 2023.

***LANGUAGE CLARIFYING VOD ELIGIBILITY (SEE PAGE 7 OF THE NATAS GENERAL RULES & PROCEDURES)**

VIDEO ON DEMAND (VOD)

All types of Video On Demand (VOD) releases – Transactional VOD (TVOD), Subscription VOD (SVOD), Advertising-Based VOD (AVOD), and similar technologies – are eligible for submission. In general, the first distribution of the content on any platform is the governing air date and program form for determining eligibility.

However, a national television broadcast that airs after a VOD debut may be considered to be the canonical airing if:

1. The VOD airing was not previously submitted, and
2. The national television broadcast premiere occurred within one year of its VOD debut.

Note that online screenings at virtual film festivals do not count as a VOD screening for the purposes of Emmy eligibility.

*** INTERNATIONAL PRODUCTIONS MUST PREMIERE IN THE US TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR NATAS COMPETITIONS (SEE PAGE 8 OF THE NATAS GENERAL RULES & PROCEDURES)**

INTERNATIONAL PRODUCTIONS

In general, productions that feature financial and/or creative involvement between both United States and international entities, distributed globally, must first premiere in the U.S. to be eligible for submission to NATAS-administered Emmy® Award competitions. Programs produced by internationally owned entities but distributed exclusively in the U.S. are also eligible in NATAS competitions. All other internationally produced and distributed productions must submit to the International Emmy® Awards.

To accommodate the scheduling of “global premieres,” however, productions that debut in the United States within one (1) week of their first broadcast or VOD distribution in any global territory are also eligible for NATAS awards consideration. Productions with such simultaneous global premieres may, pending other category eligibility criteria, be eligible in either a NATAS-administered competition and the International Emmy® Awards — but not both. A production may only enter a single Emmy® Award competition.

If a submission that originally premiered outside the U.S. but was later distributed in the U.S. is deemed ineligible for the International Emmys® competition, at the sole determination of the International Academy, and the International Academy subsequently determines the material more appropriate for a U.S. competition, the entrant may petition instead for consideration in the relevant NATAS competition. Petitions will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis under NATAS rules and a review of the extent to which the content was intended for the U.S. market.

***STATUE-ELIGIBILITY FOR CERTAIN CRAFT POSITIONS LIKE EDITORS, CAMERA PERSONS/CINEMATOGRAPHERS, DIRECTORS AND WRITERS**

Certain craft positions, such as editors, camerapersons/cinematographers, directors and, starting in 2022, writers, are considered statue eligible in Program/Segment categories (categories 4-43). However, an editor/cameraperson/director/writer or can only win a single statue for the same work. In the case of an editor or cameraperson winning for a story or report in a Craft Achievement category that also wins an Emmy in a Program/Segment category like Feature Story or Current Affairs Documentary, the editor or cameraperson will be awarded a statue in the Outstanding Editing or Video Journalism or Cinematography category only. The same rule applies to directors in the Outstanding Direction: News and Outstanding Direction: Documentary categories and Outstanding Writing: News and Outstanding Writing: Documentary categories.

***DOUBLE DIPPING/ CROSS ENTRIES**

Entry into any singular NATAS contest precludes the entry of the same programming in any other Emmy® contest administered by the Television Academy, IATAS, or NATAS, including the Regional Emmy® Awards.

For example, if an entrant enters a documentary in the Sports Emmy® Awards Long Documentary category, it may not be entered subsequently in the News & Documentary Emmy® Awards.

Craft entries must follow programs into the same Emmy® Award competition as the program submission. Exceptions may be made in rare circumstances – for example, if a specific, unique craft category is only offered in one of two Emmy® Award contests but the program or report meets eligibility requirements in both competitions. The entrant must contact NATAS Administration for prior approval of any such cross-contest entry.

See page 22 of the NATAS General Rules & Procedures for more info.

***LATE CREDIT ADDITIONS**

After the nomination announcements, changes may be made and submitted free of charge for a limited time period determined by each individual competition. After this deadline, a fee of US\$150 will be charged for each name added to the credits. This fee also applies to any changes made following the ceremonies.

Changes may only be reflected in certificates, statues, and other materials produced or published after full payment of relevant fees has been made. NATAS has no obligation to change or correct materials published prior to fee payment.

Change requests received more than thirty (30) days after the corresponding ceremony will not be accepted under any circumstances.

ELIGIBILITY PERIOD

Over-the-Air, Cable, Satellite and VOD/Streaming Submissions.

Entries must have been originally broadcast nationally to the general public, or made available via VOD/Streaming, between January 1 and December 31, 2021.

SUBMISSION WEBSITE

news.theemmys.tv

BROADCAST JOURNALISM / DOCUMENTARY FILM

The News & Documentary Emmy® Awards are open to works of broadcast journalism, documentary films, and their related craft achievements.

CALL FOR ENTRIES

The Call for Entries opens on February 22, 2022. The News & Documentary Online system, powered by Yangaroo, is available at news.theemmys.tv. Entrants may sign in, create an Emmy profile and initiate submissions. During the entry period, entrants may log in anytime to view the status of their entries, add, correct, update or finalize entry data and pay for entries. To encourage prompt completion of entries there is an early entry deadline of March 22, 2022 at a reduced entry fee. All submission materials must be submitted by 11:59PM ET March 22 to qualify for the discounted entry fee.

ENTRY DEADLINES FOR ALL NEWS & DOCUMENTARY CATEGORIES

- Early Deadline (reduced entry fee): 11:59 PM ET Tuesday, March 22, 2022
- Final Deadline: 11:59 PM ET Tuesday, April 19, 2022.

HOW OFTEN CAN I ENTER?

There is no limit to the number of entries an organization or individual may submit for Emmy® consideration. However, each entry is a separate submission and requires its own entry information, entry fee, and entry materials.

CAN I ENTER IN MORE THAN ONE CATEGORY?

A given news report (or in some cases series of reports) or documentary film may be submitted as follows

- Once in any of the program/segment categories (4-24, 27-37 and 41-43)
- Once in the appropriate “Best Of” category (25-26 & 38)
- In as many craft categories as are appropriate (46 - 60)

Exceptions: Promotional Announcements (62), Regional Submissions (63-64),

- Promotional Announcements may be submitted once in category 62 and may not be submitted in any other categories.
- Regional submissions that have previously been awarded a regional Emmy® award in either spot/breaking or investigative report categories by a NATAS chapter in that chapter’s most recent awards cycle may be submitted once in categories 63-64 and may not be submitted in any other categories. See [page 129-130](#) for more info.

BE SURE TO

RULES

Read the relevant sections of the NATAS General Rules & Procedures and Call for Entries. Note that there are now two documents you must consult:

- The NATAS General Rules and Procedures, which contains rules applicable across all national programming competitions (Daytime, Sports, News & Documentary)
- The News & Documentary Emmy Awards Call for Entries, which contains rules and procedures specific to the national News & Documentary competition.

Both the General Rules and News & Doc Call for Entries are contained in this document. Please consult both rulebooks before completing your submissions.

ENTRY INFORMATION

Provide the requested entry information like Show and Program or Segment title, air date, broadcast network, running time at news.theemmys.tv

SUBMISSION VIDEO

Submission Video: Upload your submission video to the Media page of the submission site: news.theemmys.tv. Important: Be sure to follow the video specifications on [page 62-63](#) of the rulebook when preparing your submission video.

- Note: The Interactive Media categories (categories 44-45) are hosted by the entrant. Interactive Media submissions require a URL that links to a judging webpage created by the entrant. In addition, category 45, Outstanding Interactive Media: Innovation, require the upload of a 10-minute explanatory video demonstrating the project and highlighting its innovative, Emmy-worthy interactive elements See [page 64-65](#) of the rulebook for more information.

CREDITS & EMMY ESSAY

- Provide the names and contact info for all statue eligible entrants for each submission on the Team Member Details & Essay page of the submission process.
- Upload a complete list of production credits for each submission on the Media page of the submission process.
- Provide a copy of the script (46/Writing: News and 52/ Writing: Documentary entries only).
- Essay: Provide an essay of up to 750 words explaining why your entry is Emmy®-worthy and addressing the following points
 - a. A clear explanation of the editorial and production goals of the piece.
 - b. Reportorial and creative techniques used to achieve these goals.
 - c. Importance of the subject matter.
 - d. Impact of the program, story or report.

In categories 1/Outstanding Live News Program, 2/ Outstanding Recorded News Program and 39. Outstanding News Program in Spanish, address the overall excellence of the newscast or newsmagazine and describe why it is Emmy®- worthy.

In categories 3/ Outstanding Emerging Journalist and 40/Outstanding Journalist in Spanish Language Media describe the Emmy-worthiness of the examples of the entrant's work from 2021 that is included in the submission. Topics the essay might address include:

- a. A clear explanation of the editorial and production goals of the reports included in the submission.
- b. Reportorial and creative techniques used to achieve these goals.
- c. Importance of the subject matter of the reports included in the submission.
- d. Impact of the reports included in the submission.

In the Interactive Media categories (44-45) entrants may describe any nonlinear/interactive presentation techniques employed and explain how it serves the content of the story or report. Entrants in 45/ Outstanding Interactive Media: Innovation should focus on the innovative elements of the submission.

Essays in the craft categories (46-60) should explain how the craft under consideration (writing, editing, cinematography etc.) supports the overall editorial and production goals of the piece.

46/Writing: News and 52/Writing: Documentary entries must also include one copy of the entire script of the program or story submitted, in addition to the essay.

Essays in category 61/ Outstanding Technical Achievement: News should describe the technical achievement and explain why it is Emmy worthy.

Please include the following in the heading of your essay: show and program title (i.e. CBS Evening News: Capitol Riot), network, and original airdate.

PAYMENTS

Pay by credit card (Visa, Master Card or American Express) or ACH Transfer is preferred. Please contact the NATAS Finance Department at finance-team@theemmys.tv to set up ACH Transfer

Thank you for your submissions!

The News & Documentary Emmy® competition does not have award categories reserved exclusively for series (i.e. limited series, curated series, episodic series etc.). However, we do accept series entries in certain cases, for example a limited documentary series on a single subject broadcast or delivered in multiple parts. In the case of a multi-part single subject documentary, entrants may:

- a. choose a single episode to represent the entire series (or two episodes totaling no more than 120 minutes) or
- b. choose no more than seven excerpts from a variety of episodes to represent the series.

Other types of series (for example curated series like POV or Independent Lens, or ongoing series like FRONTLINE or NOVA that air multiple films by different directors on different topics) may not enter as a series and must submit individual films or episodes as separate submissions (though a multi-part film on a single subject broadcast under their banner would be eligible). Series entries are evaluated on a case-by-case basis.

Contact the News & Documentary Emmy® Awards administrator for more information on series entries.

SUBMISSION VIDEO PREPARATION

VIDEO UPLOAD SPECIFICATIONS

The following is the format for video uploads as part of the News & Documentary Emmy® submission process. Please note that the file you upload is the same file that will stream to judges. In this manner, you can be certain that the file you provide will be the same quality as seen by the judges.

Files meeting the specification below can be output from most non-linear editing systems. Another option is to utilize special transcoding software.

If you have any questions or concerns about the technical creation of these files, please contact emmysupport@yangaroo.com

Container: .mp4

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

Audio Codec: AAC-LC or AAC

Channels: Stereo or Dual Channel Mono (Please mixdown 5.1 to 2 channel stereo)

Sample Rate: 48 khz

Video Codec: H.264 Baseline Profile

Variable bit rate (with an optimum as indicated below)

Color Space: 4.2.0

Frame rates should match the source material

Resolutions:

The Player displays all content in a 16:9 area.

1080p or 1080i (new)

Optimum Overall Bit Rates: HD: Video - 8,000 kbps (new) Audio -128 kbps

MAXIMUM RUNNING TIMES

Each category has its own maximum allowable running time for submissions. Maximum Running Times are as follows:

- 12 Minutes: categories 8, 10
- 25 minutes: categories 6, 12, 25, 46-61
- 40 minutes: category 37
- 60 minutes: categories 1-5, 7, 9, 11, 13-24, 26, 39-43
- 120 minutes: categories 27-36, 38

Note: The maximum running time is purely for the convenience of Emmy judging and is not intended to unreasonably impact the narrative flow or editorial integrity of the entry under consideration. The maximum running times may be waived in certain exceptional cases, for example a documentary that runs longer than two hours, where editing to meet the specified running time of 120 minutes would distort the narrative flow of the film. Submission of entries with running times longer than the posted maximum must be approved by NATAS. Please contact David Winn (dwinn@emmyonline.tv/ 212-484- 9424) or Christine Chin (cchin@emmyonline.tv/ 212-484- 9452) for more info and approval.

EDITING A SUBMISSION TO CONFORM TO MAXIMUM RUNNING TIME

*In some categories, broadcasts that exceed the maximum allowable running time in a category may be edited to conform to the maximum running time. In other categories, up to 7 excerpts of continuous programming are allowed. Internal editing—i.e. re-editing the content of continuous programming in order to enhance the submission—is not allowed. In order to edit a broadcast to conform to the maximum allowable running time in categories where editing is allowed:

- a. Edit out commercials
- b. Consider what's left to be continuous programming
- c. Cut it down to the allowable time for the category

See the specific category definitions and requirements for more information.

* There is no segment/excerpt limit in craft categories 46-60, and category 3/Outstanding Emerging Journalist and category 40 Outstanding Journalist in Spanish Language Media

*In some categories defined by length, a single unedited report or documentary film of a specified length (12 minutes or less in the short feature categories, over 12 minutes in the long feature categories, 40 minutes or less in the Short Documentary category) from a single broadcast is required to be submitted. See the specific category definitions and requirements for more information.

*Some categories defined by length a) require that reports be under or over a certain length (12 minutes or less in short form categories, over 12 minutes in long form categories) and b) allow multiple reports within those parameters up to the allowable maximum total running time for submission video (from 25-60 minutes depending on the category). News categories in which this is the case are listed below. See the specific category definitions and requirements for more information.

- 6. Outstanding Continuing News Coverage: Short Form
- 7. Outstanding Continuing News Coverage: Long Form
- 12. Outstanding Investigative News Coverage: Short Form
- 13. Outstanding Investigative News Coverage: Long Form
- 25. Best News Coverage—Short Form
- 26. Best News Coverage—Long Form

SLATES & TITLE GRAPHICS

Submitters may use a title graphic (slate) to identify a submission or program segment, if needed.

INTERACTIVE MEDIA SUBMISSION PREPARATION (CATEGORIES 44-45)

Due to the multimedia/transmedia/nonlinear nature of most submissions in categories 44-45 – the Interactive Media categories – submission content is hosted by the entrant, although an up to 10-minute explanatory video is required to be uploaded on the Media page of the Emmy submission site in category 45/Outstanding Interactive Media: Innovation.

44. Outstanding Interactive Media

Entrants will either include a URL directing judges to the project as it exists online or create a judging page specifically designed to showcase the project for Emmy judging. This URL will be entered on the Team Member Details & Essay page of the online submission process. It is also acceptable to provide a brief explanatory video highlighting the Emmy®-worthy aspects of the project, provided you also give entrants access to the project itself. In category 44, any explanatory video will be hosted on the judging site created by the entrant.

45. Outstanding Interactive Media: Innovation

Entrants in this category must submit a) An up to 10-minute explanatory video demonstrating the project and highlighting its innovative, Emmy-worthy interactive elements, to be uploaded on the Media page of the Emmy submission site and b) a URL directing judges to the project as it exists online, or to a judging page specifically designed to showcase the project for Emmy judging.

Judges will have limited time to explore a project, so while you will want to give judges access to as much of your project as possible, you may want to provide guidance as to how best to explore the project. The accompanying essay is an excellent place to do this, as is the up to 10-minute explanatory video highlighting the Emmy®-worthy aspects of the project, (required in category 45, and optional in category 44).

Judging webpage URL's are due by the official entry deadlines of March 22 (early deadline/reduced entry fee) or April 19 (Final deadline).

The following information must be included in the text fields provided during the submission process:

- Title of project etc.
 - Field 1: (e.g. FRONTLINE)
 - Field 2: (e.g. Ebola Outbreak: A Virtual Journey)
- Date the project/content was originally made available online (must be 2021)
- Exact running time of submission, if applicable
- Each entry must include an essay of up to 750 words explaining why it is Emmy®-worthy (see [page 58](#) for essay instructions).

VIRTUAL REALITY SUBMISSIONS

Entrants with VR or AR submissions should

- a. Create a judging page that showcases your project and submit the URL for your judging webpage on the Team Member Details & Essay page of the submission site. Your judging page may include a brief explanatory video highlighting the Emmy®-worthy aspects of the project. Some judges will not have the proper equipment to view your film/project in its intended format. We ask that you create a video to provide an informational walkthrough of the user/viewer experience.
- b. Provide judges with instructions on how to access the VR film (through an Android or iOS app, for example), along with information about the equipment that can be used to view it (i.e. “install our VR app and view film X in Google Cardboard or Samsung Gear” or “Download the file using this link and sideload it into the Samsung Gear by following these directions” etc.). This will allow judges with access to such equipment to view the entry in its intended format.
- c. You may also include additional information about the VR film/project, and any supplementary/auxiliary material in your essay or on your judging page.

NO INTERNAL EDITING

Internal editing—i.e. re-editing the content of continuous programming in order to enhance the submission—is not allowed.

BODY-OF-WORK ENTRIES

A compilation or body of work from a variety of programs and/or series that are not related is not permitted. Exceptions: Category 3/Outstanding Emerging Journalist and category 40/Outstanding Journalist in Spanish Language Media, which showcase the breadth of work of an outstanding journalist over the course of the eligibility year. See the category requirements and definition for more information.

DRAMATIC RECREATIONS

Limited dramatization is permitted as long as it is extremely clear that these are recreations. Examples include, but are not limited to: recreations of historical events in the Historical Documentary category, animated representations of the physical world in the Science and Technology Documentary Category etc. NATAS will evaluate each circumstance on a case-by-case basis.

EDUCATIONAL AND INSTRUCTIONAL PROGRAMMING

Programs intended primarily for educational or instructional use are not eligible and will be disqualified.

OTHER VIOLATIONS

Violations of any other published rules and procedures herein (including those outlined in the NATAS General Rules and Procedures for national Emmy competitions, may result in disqualification. Payment submitted with disqualified entries will not be returned.

WHO RECEIVES THE AWARD?

Statue eligible job titles are listed in the Award Category and Submission Requirements section (pages 75-128) of the rulebook under each category group heading. Consult this section of the rulebook for statue-eligible job titles for individual categories.

In Program/Segment categories (1-2, 4-38), statue-eligible titles include Executive Producers, Senior Producers, Producers (including Field Producers, Coordinating Producers, Associate Producers, and some other Producer titles on a case-by-case basis; Production Assistants are not eligible), Directors, Editors, Camerapersons / Cinematographers, Writers, Managing Editors, Reporters, Correspondents, Anchors, and some derivative job titles.

In Outstanding Journalist categories (3 & 40), reporters, anchors, hosts and co-hosts, and other journalistic roles on a case-by-case basis.

In the Spanish language categories (categories 39 & 41-43), statue-eligible titles include Executive Producers, Producers, Associate Producers, Directors, Editors, Camerapersons / Cinematographers, Head Writers and Writers, Hosts, Co-Hosts, Anchors and Correspondents.

In the Interactive Media categories (categories 44-45), statue eligible titles include Executive Producers, Senior Producers, Producers, Directors, Editors, Camerapersons / Cinematographers, Managing Editors, Reporters, Correspondents and derivative job titles. Other team members responsible for the multiplatform, multimedia, transmedia, interactive or immersive media elements of a project may be considered for eligibility provided their role was more than supervisory and they made a substantial creative contribution to the content.

In the Craft categories (categories 46-60), those who perform a specific discipline (writer, researcher, graphics artist, cameraperson etc.) are statue-eligible. Supervising or directing or approving the work of others—while vital to the creative process— does not qualify for these categories.

WHO RECEIVES THE AWARD?

In the Technical Achievement category (category 61), statue-eligible titles include Technical Supervisors, Technical Directors, Electronic Camera Persons, Video Engineers, Graphics Operators, Senior Audio Engineers, Audio Engineers, Senior Maintenance Engineers, Broadcast Media Manager/Network Engineers. Other mission critical and/or derivative positions that make a significant contribution to the technical achievement may be considered on a case-by-case basis.

In the Outstanding Promotional Announcement (category 62), statue-eligible titles include Executive Producers, Senior Producers, Coordinating Producers, Supervising Producers, Producers, Directors, Art Directors, Editors, Camera Persons, Writers, Music Directors, Composers of original music for a promo, Audio Engineers, Graphic Designers, Production Designers, Creative Directors and some derivative job titles, provided their role was more than supervisory and they made a substantial creative contribution to the content of the promotional announcement or campaign. Titles such as VP Brand Marketing etc. may be eligible on a case by case basis. All titles are subject to review.

In the Regional Reporting categories (categories 63 and 64), award-eligible job titles are limited to those included on and approved for the credits of the original submission to the originating NATAS regional chapter.

VERIFICATION OF STATUE-ELIGIBLE JOB TITLES

Only those listed on the final credit list will be eligible to obtain a statue. An entrant's job title must correspond to the as-aired credits for the submission. In cases where there is a discrepancy between the telecast credits and the job title available on the entry form you must contact the Head of News & Documentary Awards or Director of the News & Documentary Emmy® Awards for approval.

VOLUNTEER TO SERVE AS AN EMMY® JUDGE

Individuals with significant experience in the fields of broadcast and online journalism and documentary filmmaking at the national level are invited to serve as judges for the 43rd Annual News & Documentary Emmy® Awards.

WHO QUALIFIES TO BE A JUDGE?

- Producers, Senior & Executive Producers, experienced Associate Producers, Directors, Reporters and Correspondents and related positions with significant experience in national news and/or documentary reporting or production.
- Craftspeople: writers, researchers, cinematographers and camerapersons, editors, graphic designers, audio technicians, technical directors, composers, lighting directors, scenic designers and other craftspeople.

Journalists and documentary makers from the worlds of broadcasting and digital/new media are welcome to apply.

2022 NEWS & DOCUMENTARY EMMY® JUDGING DATES

Round 1: May 10 – 24

Round 2: June 14 – 28

News & Documentary Emmy® judging takes place online. Approved Emmy® judges are directed to a secure website where submissions are viewed and votes are cast. Judges have two weeks to review submissions and cast their ballots. For more information, or to apply to serve as an Emmy® judge, go to <https://news.theemmys.tv/en/Account/JudgeSignupLanding>

Or contact:

David Winn; Head of News & Documentary; 212-484-9424 / dwinn@theemmys.tv

Christine Chin; Director, News & Documentary Emmy® Awards; 212-484-9452 / cchin@theemmys.tv

JUDGING PROCEDURES

Entries are viewed and evaluated online.

Most categories in the News & Documentary Emmy competition are judged in two rounds of voting in which the nominees and a single honoree, multiple honorees, or no honoree is determined. Separate judging panels are formed for the preliminary and the final rounds of judging. In the preliminary round, large categories are divided into sub-panels and the entries are divided equally and randomly among the sub-groups. For this phase, judges are asked to view at least 50% of each entry, and vote via secret ballot. High scoring entries from the first round advance to the final round. Judges in the final round are asked to view each entry in its entirety.

Judging is based on content, creativity and execution. Submissions are judged on the basis of their individual merits and not competitively. In all categories there is the possibility of one award, more than one award, or no award.

Judges in category 62, for promotional announcements, evaluate submissions using the criteria of Concept, Effectiveness/Impact, and Execution. Judges in non-craft categories include Executive Producers, Producers, Associate Producers, Directors, Reporters and Correspondents and some derivative job titles. Judges in craft categories such as Writing, Editing, Cinematography etc.—will have expertise in the craft areas they are judging.

The results of the final round of screening determine the number of nominees in each category, and whether a category has one clear honoree, multiple honorees, or no honoree. All judging criteria and procedures, including scoring scale, minimum scores required for nomination, and tie-breaking procedures, are determined by the National Awards Committee.

Judges may be independently employed or employees of the networks or cable companies or other submitting organizations who do not have a direct conflict with the material they view. Judges may not have a conflict of interest, which is described as having a direct involvement with the production of the entry or having a close personal relationship with a member of the production staff of the 43rd Annual News & Documentary Emmy® Awards. Employment by a network with an entry in the category being judged does not necessarily create a conflict of interest by itself. Judges may participate on more than one panel.

NOMINATIONS ANNOUNCEMENT

Nominations are currently scheduled to be announced in late July, 2022 (exact date TBA). The initial listing may include nominated programs only. After additional internal review, a list of nominations with full list of nominated individuals will be posted on the NATAS website.

ADDITIONAL MATERIALS

***TIME CODE FOR 30-SECOND CEREMONY VIDEO CLIP NOW REQUIRED AS PART OF ENTRY PROCESS**

As part of the submission process, all entrants will be required to identify a thirty-second (0:30) portion of the submitted entry video for potential inclusion in the News & Documentary Emmy Award ceremony, should the entry result in a nomination.

Nominees will be contacted in July 2022 with instructions about any additional materials required for this year's News & Documentary Emmy ceremonies, which will take place on September 28 (News) and 29 (Documentary).

OUTSTANDING NEWS PROGRAM (ENTRY FEE: EARLY--\$400; FINAL--\$500)

1. [Outstanding Live News Program](#)
2. [Outstanding Recorded News Program](#)

EMERGING JOURNALIST (ENTRY FEE: EARLY--\$300; FINAL--\$400)

3. [Outstanding Emerging Journalist](#)

NEWS COVERAGE (ENTRY FEE: EARLY--\$400; FINAL--\$500)

4. [Outstanding Live Breaking News Coverage](#)
5. [Outstanding Edited Breaking News Coverage](#)
6. [Outstanding Continuing News Coverage: Short Form](#)
7. [Outstanding Continuing News Coverage: Long Form](#)
8. [Outstanding Soft Feature Story: Short Form](#)
9. [Outstanding Soft Feature Story: Long Form](#)
10. [Outstanding Hard News Feature Story: Short Form](#)
11. [Outstanding Hard News Feature Story: Long Form](#)
12. [Outstanding Investigative News Coverage: Short Form](#)
13. [Outstanding Investigative News Coverage: Long Form](#)
14. [Outstanding Live News Special](#)
15. [Outstanding Recorded News Special](#)
16. [Outstanding News Discussion & Analysis](#)
17. [Outstanding News Discussion & Analysis: Editorial and Opinion](#)
18. [Outstanding Live Interview](#)
19. [Outstanding Edited Interview](#)
20. [Outstanding Science, Technology or Environmental Coverage](#)
21. [Outstanding Health or Medical Coverage](#)
22. [Outstanding Arts, Culture or Entertainment Coverage](#)
23. [Outstanding Business, Consumer or Economic Coverage](#)
24. [Outstanding Crime and Justice Coverage](#)
25. [Best News Coverage—Short Form](#)
26. [Best News Coverage—Long Form](#)

DOCUMENTARIES (ENTRY FEE: EARLY--\$400; FINAL--\$500)

27. [Outstanding Current Affairs Documentary](#)
28. [Outstanding Politics and Government Documentary](#)
29. [Outstanding Social Issue Documentary](#)
30. [Outstanding Investigative Documentary](#)
31. [Outstanding Historical Documentary](#)
32. [Outstanding Arts and Culture Documentary](#)
33. [Outstanding Science and Technology Documentary](#)
34. [Outstanding Nature Documentary](#)
35. [Outstanding Business and Economic Documentary](#)
36. [Outstanding Crime and Justice Documentary](#)
37. [Outstanding Short Documentary](#)
38. [Best Documentary](#)

SPANISH LANGUAGE (ENTRY FEE: CATEGORIES 39, 41-43: EARLY--\$400; FINAL--\$500; CATEGORY 40: EARLY--\$300; FINAL--\$400)

39. [Outstanding News Program in Spanish](#)
40. [Outstanding Journalist in Spanish Language Media](#)
41. [Outstanding Coverage of a Breaking News Story in Spanish](#)
42. [Outstanding Investigative Journalism in Spanish](#)
43. [Outstanding Feature Story in Spanish](#)

INTERACTIVE MEDIA (ENTRY FEE: EARLY--\$400; FINAL--\$500)

44. [Outstanding Interactive Media](#)
45. [Outstanding Interactive Media: Innovation](#)

CRAFT ACHIEVEMENT NEWS (ENTRY FEE: EARLY--\$250; FINAL--\$350)

46. [Outstanding Writing: News](#)
47. [Outstanding Research: News](#)
48. [Outstanding Direction: News](#)
49. [Outstanding Video Journalism: News](#)
50. [Outstanding Editing: News](#)
51. [Outstanding Graphic Design and Art Direction: News](#)

CRAFT ACHIEVEMENT DOCUMENTARY (ENTRY FEE: EARLY--\$250; FINAL--\$350)

- 52. [Outstanding Writing: Documentary](#)
- 53. [Outstanding Research: Documentary](#)
- 54. [Outstanding Direction: Documentary](#)
- 55. [Outstanding Cinematography: Documentary](#)
- 56. [Outstanding Editing: Documentary](#)
- 57. [Outstanding Graphic Design and Art Direction: Documentary](#)

CRAFT ACHIEVEMENT NEWS & DOCUMENTARY (ENTRY FEE: EARLY--\$250; FINAL--\$350)

- 58. [Outstanding Music Composition](#)
- 59. [Outstanding Sound](#)
- 60. [Outstanding Lighting Direction and Scenic Design](#)

TECHNICAL ACHIEVEMENT: NEWS (ENTRY FEE: EARLY--\$250; FINAL--\$350)

- 61. [Outstanding Technical Achievement: News](#)

PROMOTIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS (ENTRY FEE: EARLY--\$400; FINAL--\$500)

- 62. [Outstanding Promotional Announcement](#)

REGIONAL NEWS (ENTRY FEE: NO FEE)

- 63. [Outstanding Regional News Story: Spot or Breaking News](#)
- 64. [Outstanding Regional News Story: Investigative Report](#)

1. OUTSTANDING LIVE NEWS PROGRAM

- This category recognizes overall excellence in a live news program over the course of the calendar year 2021.
- Submissions are limited to regularly scheduled news broadcasts or branded blocks of news programming that cover current and ongoing news stories. News specials and other non-regularly scheduled news broadcasts, and stand-alone digital reports that are not a part of a regularly scheduled digital news broadcast, are not eligible in this category.
- This category is limited to programs that are aired live: programs, typically with an anchor or host, that are broadcast in real time. See below for eligibility criteria for “live-to-tape” broadcasts.
- Entries may include pre-recorded segments that air as part of the broadcast, but in order to be eligible for this category, the program itself must be a regularly scheduled program that is broadcast live, in real time. Shows that are pre-recorded must submit to category 2/Outstanding Recorded News Program.
- Submission videos are intended to showcase the overall excellence of the broadcast over the course of the eligibility year and may include examples of coverage of a variety of different stories. Submissions must include between 3 and 7 excerpts of continuous coverage from at least two distinct airdates from throughout the calendar year 2021. Submission videos should have a running time of no less than 30 minutes and no more than 60 minutes. Any material submitted as part of a submission in this category stands in for the overall excellence of the news program over the course of the calendar year. Consequently, the titles of the individual segments or reports submitted are not listed on the nominations or honorees press release.

LIVE-TO-TAPE

Prerecorded “as-live” and “live-to-tape” programming may be submitted to Live News Program categories if: (a) the program is presented substantially as-switched with minimal post-production, (b) the program is transmitted within twenty-four (24) hours of its initial recording, and (c) the program includes at least one (1) or more elements otherwise associated with a typical Live News Program, such as multi-camera in-studio or remote interviews, “cross talk” with correspondents, or real-time commentary in conjunction with an event occurring live at the time of recording. Programs assembled in post-production from multiple individual sources, such as “iso” camera recordings, do not satisfy the “Live-to-Tape” definition.

“LIVE” INTRODUCTIONS

Conversely, programs consisting substantially of a host or host(s) introducing prerecorded reports or other elements, with no other elements associated with a typical Live News Program, should submit to 2/Recorded News Program, irrespective of whether such host elements are presented live.

SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS

- Only one (1) submission per news program.
- Minimum/Maximum Running Times for Submissions: Submission videos should have a running time of no less than 30 minutes and no more than 60 minutes.
- Minimum/Maximum Number of Excerpts: Submissions must include between 3 and 7 excerpts of continuous coverage from at least two distinct airdates from throughout the calendar year 2021. Each excerpt must be a straight run without internal editing of program content. Dip to black between excerpts of non-continuous programming.
- Each entry must include an essay of up to 750 words describing the overall excellence of the broadcast over the course of the year 2021 and explaining why it is Emmy®-worthy (see [page 58](#) for essay instructions).
- Submission Video: Upload your submission video to the Media page of the submission site at news.theemmys.tv. Important: Be sure to follow the video specifications on [page 62-64](#) of the rulebook when preparing your video. Remove all commercials from submission video.
- National telecasts (over-the-air, cable and satellite broadcasts etc.) and online/digital/VOD programming are eligible for submission.
- Statue-Eligible: Executive Producers, Senior Producers, Producers (including Field Producers, Coordinating Producers, Associate Producers and some other Producer titles on a case-by-case basis; Production Assistants are not eligible), Directors, Editors, Camera persons / Cinematographers, Managing Editors, Writers, Reporters, Correspondents, Anchors, and some derivative job titles.

NOTE:

1. Since this category is for the overall excellence of the broadcast over the course of the eligibility year, statue-eligible credits submitted should include all statue-eligible individuals who worked on the show over the course of the eligibility year, not simply those that worked on the video content submitted for consideration.
2. In order to be statue-eligible, an individual must have worked and received credit on nineteen percent (19%) of the total episodes of the show in the eligibility year.

2. OUTSTANDING RECORDED NEWS PROGRAM

- This category recognizes overall excellence in a recorded news program over the course of the calendar year 2021.
- Submissions are limited to regularly scheduled news broadcasts. News specials and other non-regularly scheduled news broadcasts, and stand-alone digital reports that are not a part of a regularly scheduled digital news broadcast, are not eligible in this category.
- This category is limited to programs that are recorded for later broadcast, as opposed to live programs broadcast in real time.
- Shows that are broadcast live, in real time, may submit to category 1/Outstanding Live News Program. Some live-to-tape programming may be eligible for category 1/Outstanding Live News Program. See Live-to-Tape criteria below.
- Programs featuring live introductions of largely recorded packages should submit to 2/Outstanding Recorded News Program. See the “Live Introductions” language below.
- Submission videos are intended to showcase the overall excellence of the broadcast over the course of the eligibility year and may include examples of coverage of a variety of different stories. Submissions must include between 3 and 7 excerpts of continuous coverage from at least two distinct airdates from throughout the calendar year 2021. Submission videos should have a running time of no less than 30 minutes and no more than 60 minutes. Any material submitted as part of a submission in this category stands in for the overall excellence of the news program over the course of the calendar year. Consequently, the titles of the individual segments or reports submitted are not listed on the nominations or honorees press release. Only the title of the news program will be listed.

LIVE-TO-TAPE

Prerecorded “as-live” and “live-to-tape” programming may be submitted to Live News Program categories if: (a) the program is presented substantially as-switched with minimal post-production, (b) the program is transmitted within twenty-four (24) hours of its initial recording, and (c) the program includes at least one (1) or more elements otherwise associated with a typical Live News Program, such as multi-camera in-studio or remote interviews, “cross talk” with correspondents, or real-time commentary in conjunction with an event occurring live at the time of recording. Programs assembled in post-production from multiple individual sources, such as “iso” camera recordings, do not satisfy the “Live-to-Tape” definition.

“LIVE” INTRODUCTIONS

Conversely, programs consisting substantially of a host or host(s) introducing prerecorded reports or other elements, with no other elements associated with a typical Live News Program, should submit to 2/Recorded News Program, irrespective of whether such host elements are presented live.

SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS

- Only one (1) submission per news program.
- Minimum/Maximum Running Times for Submissions: Submission videos should have a running time of no less than 30 minutes and no more than 60 minutes.
- Minimum/Maximum Number of Excerpts: Submissions must include between 3 and 7 excerpts of continuous coverage from at least two distinct airdates from throughout the calendaryear 2021. Each excerpt must be a straight run without internal editing of program content. Dip to black between excerpts of non- continuous programming.
- Each entry must include an essay of up to 750 words describing the overall excellence of the broadcast over the course of the year 2021 and explaining why it is Emmy® -worthy (see [page 58](#) for essay instructions).
- Submission Video: Upload your submission video to the Media page of the submission site at news.theemmys.tv. Important: Be sure to follow the video specifications on [page 62-64](#) of the rulebook when preparing your video. Remove all commercials from submission video.
- National telecasts (over-the-air, cable and satellite broadcasts etc.) and online/digital/VOD programming are eligible for submission.
- Statue-Eligible: Executive Producers, Senior Producers, Producers (including Field Producers, Coordinating Producers, Associate Producers and some other Producer titles on a case-by-case basis; Production Assistants are not eligible), Directors, Editors, Camerapersons / Cinematographers, Managing Editors, Writers, Reporters, Correspondents, Anchors, and some derivative job titles.

NOTE:

1. Since this category is for overall excellence of the broadcast over the course of the eligibility year, statue-eligible credits submitted should include all statue- eligible individuals who worked on the show over the course of the eligibility year, not simply those that worked on the video content submitted for consideration.
2. In order to be statue-eligible, an individual must have worked and received credit on nineteen percent (19%) of the total episodes of the show in the eligibility year.

3. OUTSTANDING EMERGING JOURNALIST

The category recognizes individual excellence by a broadcast or digital journalist in the early stages of their career. Eligible positions include reporters, anchors, hosts and co-hosts, and other journalistic roles on a case-by-case basis. Entry video should demonstrate the entrant's individual excellence in news coverage of a single or multiple stories over the course of the 2021 eligibility year.

ENTRANTS MUST BE:

- Under 35 years of age (i.e. must not have turned 35 by the competition's eligibility year deadline of December 31, 2021.) Entry constitutes certification of age eligibility. NATAS or a third-party verification service may reach out during the vetting process to confirm eligibility.
- Journalists who are 35 years of age or older are eligible if they have been working in an eligible capacity for 5 years or less. This designation is subject to advance approval by NATAS. Please email News & Doc Emmy staff at News@TheEmmys.tv.
- For job titles other than those enumerated above—reporter, anchor, host or co-host—contact Emmy staff at News@TheEmmys.tv to inquire about eligibility.
- This category recognizes that one of the strengths of an Emerging Journalist may be their social media voice and excerpts that showcase this skill are welcomed.

SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS

- Only one individual per entry; only one entry per individual (clips from multiple networks are allowed).
- Submission Video: Entry video should demonstrate the entrant's individual excellence in news coverage over the course of the eligibility year. Upload your submission video to the Media page of the submission site at news.theemmys.tv. Important: Be sure to follow the video specifications on [page 62-64](#) of the rulebook when preparing your video. Remove all commercials from submission video.
- Maximum Submission time: 60 minutes.
- Clips can focus on coverage of a single story or multiple stories. Body of work entries are allowed in this category provided all submitted material originally aired in 2021.

- There is no limit as to the number of excerpts or excerpt length.
- Essay: An essay of up to 750 words describing the entrant's submission and work as a journalist during the eligibility year of 2021. (see [page 58](#) for essay instructions).
- Eligibility: Calendar year 2021 (all clips included in the submission video must be from 2021).

4. OUTSTANDING LIVE BREAKING NEWS COVERAGE

This category is reserved for live coverage of breaking news stories, and may include coverage of unexpected events, such as an earthquake or a terrorist attack; anticipated events, such as the verdict in a trial; and new and important breaking developments in an ongoing story. Entries must focus on a single news event, rather than a series of distinct but thematically related events (coverage of a particular mass shooting rather than a series of unrelated mass shootings, coverage of a specific hurricane rather than a series of successive storms in a single season). While the emphasis in this category is on live coverage that is broadcast in real time, and while live coverage must constitute the majority of the submission video, submissions may include previously taped reports that aired as part of a news organization's live coverage of a breaking story. Live to tape broadcasts may also be eligible in this category under certain circumstances (see the "live to tape" language below).

LIVE-TO-TAPE

Prerecorded "as-live" and "live-to-tape" programming may be submitted to 4/Live Breaking News Coverage if: (a) the broadcast is presented substantially as-switched with minimal post-production, (b) the broadcast is transmitted within twenty-four (24) hours of its initial recording, and (c) the broadcast includes at least one (1) or more elements otherwise associated with a typical live news broadcast, such as multi-camera in-studio or remote interviews, "cross talk" with correspondents, or real-time commentary in conjunction with an event occurring live at the time of recording. Programs assembled in post-production from multiple individual sources, such as "iso" camera recordings, do not satisfy the "Live-to-Tape" definition.

"LIVE" INTRODUCTIONS

Conversely, broadcasts consisting substantially of a host or host(s) introducing prerecorded reports or other elements, with no other elements associated with a typical live news broadcast, should submit to 5/Edited Breaking News Coverage, irrespective of whether such host elements are presented live.

SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS

- Entries must be devoted entirely to a single breaking news event.
- Maximum Running Time for Submission video: 60 minutes.
- Submissions may contain up to 7 as-aired excerpts of continuous programming, provided the total running time of the submission video is 60 minutes or less. Dip to black between excerpts of non-continuous programming
- Essay: Each entry must include an essay of up to 750 words explaining why it is Emmy® -worthy (see [page 58](#) for essay instructions).
- Submission video: Upload your submission video to the Mmedia page of the submission site at news.theemmys.tv. Important: Be sure to follow the video specifications on [page 62-64](#) of the rulebook when preparing your video. Remove all commercials from submission video.
- National telecasts (over-the-air, cable and satellite broadcasts etc.) and online/digital/VOD programming are eligible for submission.
- Statue-Eligible: Executive Producers, Senior Producers, Producers (including Field Producers, Coordinating Producers, Associate Producers and some other Producer titles on a case-by-case basis; Production Assistants are not eligible), Directors, Editors, Camerapersons / Cinematographers, Managing Editors, Writers, Reporters, Correspondents, Anchors, and some derivative job titles.

5. OUTSTANDING EDITED BREAKING NEWS COVERAGE

This category is reserved for edited/pre-recorded coverage of breaking news stories, and may include coverage of unexpected events, such as an earthquake or a terrorist attack; anticipated events, such as the verdict in a trial; and new and important breaking developments in an ongoing story. Entries must focus on a single news event, rather than a series of distinct but thematically related events (coverage of a particular mass shooting rather than a series of unrelated mass shootings, coverage of a specific hurricane rather than a series of successive storms in a single season). Note that while some live-to-tape broadcasts may be submitted to category 4/Outstanding Live Breaking News Coverage (see the Live to Tape language below), in general, pre-recorded coverage of breaking news stories must submit to 5/Edited Breaking News Coverage.

LIVE-TO-TAPE

Prerecorded “as-live” and “live-to-tape” programming may be submitted to 4/Live Breaking News Coverage if: (a) the broadcast is presented substantially as-switched with minimal post-production, (b) the broadcast is transmitted within twenty-four (24) hours of its initial recording, and (c) the broadcast includes at least one (1) or more elements otherwise associated with a typical live news broadcast, such as multi-camera in-studio or remote interviews, “cross talk” with correspondents, or real-time commentary in conjunction with an event occurring live at the time of recording. Programs assembled in post-production from multiple individual sources, such as “iso” camera recordings, do not satisfy the “Live-to-Tape” definition.

“LIVE” INTRODUCTIONS

Conversely, broadcasts consisting substantially of a host or host(s) introducing prerecorded reports or other elements, with no other elements associated with a typical Live News broadcast, should submit to 5/Edited Breaking News Coverage, irrespective of whether such host elements are presented live.

SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS

- Entries must be devoted entirely to a single breaking news event.
- Maximum Running Time for Submission video: 60 minutes.
- Submissions may contain up to 7 as-aired excerpts of continuous programming, provided the total running time of the submission video is 60 minutes or less. Dip to black between excerpts of non-continuous programming
- Essay: Each entry must include an essay of up to 750 words explaining why it is Emmy® -worthy (see [page 58](#) for essay instructions).
- Submission video: Upload your submission video to the Media page of the submission site at news.theemmys.tv. Important: Be sure to follow the video specifications on [page 62-63](#) of the rulebook when preparing your video. Remove all commercials from submission video.
- National telecasts (over-the-air, cable and satellite broadcasts etc.) and online/digital/VOD programming are eligible for submission.
- Statue-Eligible: Executive Producers, Senior Producers, Producers (including Field Producers, Coordinating Producers, Associate Producers and some other Producer titles on a case-by-case basis; Production Assistants are not eligible), Directors, Editors, Camerapersons / Cinematographers, Managing Editors, Writers, Reporters, Correspondents, Anchors, and some derivative job titles.

6. OUTSTANDING CONTINUING NEWS COVERAGE: SHORT FORM

For excellence in continuing coverage of a single ongoing news story. Entries must include at least two (2) reports from at least two (2) distinct airdates. Entries will be judged in part on story advancement. This category is reserved for reports that run 12 minutes or less. Multiple reports are required in this category, but all included reports must run 12 minutes or under, and the total running time of the submission video must not exceed 25 minutes.

SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS

- Entries must be devoted entirely to a single story, subject or theme.
- Maximum Running Time for Submission video: 25 minutes.
- Submissions may contain up to 7 as-aired reports provided the total running time of the submission video is 25 minutes or less. Dip to black between individual reports.
- Maximum length of individual reports: 12 minutes. Any Continuing Coverage submissions containing reports longer than 12 minutes must submit to category 7/ Outstanding Continuing News Coverage: Long Form.
- Note: Because this category is defined by length (i.e. each included report must be 12 minutes or less) each included report must be a complete, as-aired report, rather than an edited version of an over 12-minute report that is cut down to meet the maximum length of 12 minutes for a short form news category.
- Essay: Each entry must include an essay of up to 750 words explaining why it is Emmy® -worthy (see [page 58](#) for essay instructions).
- Submission video: Upload your submission video to the Media page of the submission site at news.theemmys.tv. Important: Be sure to follow the video specifications on [page 62-63](#) of the rulebook when preparing your video. Remove all commercials from submission video.
- National telecasts (over-the-air, cable and satellite broadcasts etc.) and online/ digital/VOD programming are eligible for submission.
- Statue-Eligible: Executive Producers, Senior Producers, Producers (including Field Producers, Coordinating Producers, Associate Producers and some other Producer titles on a case-by-case basis; Production Assistants are not eligible), Directors, Editors, Camera persons / Cinematographers, Managing Editors, Writers, Reporters, Correspondents, Anchors, and some derivative job titles.

7. OUTSTANDING CONTINUING NEWS COVERAGE: LONG FORM

For excellence in continuing coverage of a single ongoing news story through a series of reports. Entries must include at least two (2) reports from at least two (2) distinct airdates. Entries will be judged in part on story advancement. This category is reserved for submissions containing individual reports that run 12 minutes or longer (12:01 or longer). An entry in 7/Continuing News Coverage: Long Form may include reports that run 12 minutes or less, but if any report in the submission runs over 12 minutes (12:01 or longer) the entry must be submitted to category 7/Continuing News Coverage. The maximum running time for submission video in this category is 60 minutes.

SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS

- Entries must be devoted entirely to a single story, subject or theme.
- Maximum Running Time for Submission video: 60 minutes.
- Submissions may contain up to 7 as-aired reports provided the total running time of the submission video is 60 minutes or less. Dip to black between individual reports.
- This category is for entries that contain reports that run longer than 12 minutes (12:01 or longer). An entry in 7/Continuing News Coverage: Long Form may include reports that run 12 minutes or less, but if any report in the submission runs over 12 minutes (12:01 or longer) the entry must be submitted to category 7/Continuing News Coverage.
- Essay: Each entry must include an essay of up to 750 words explaining why it is Emmy® -worthy (see [page 58](#) for essay instructions).
- Submission video: Upload your submission video to the Media page of the submission site at news.theemmys.tv. Important: Be sure to follow the video specifications on [page 62-63](#) of the rulebook when preparing your video. Remove all commercials from submission video.
- National telecasts (over-the-air, cable and satellite broadcasts etc.) and online/digital/VOD programming are eligible for submission.
- Statue-Eligible: Executive Producers, Senior Producers, Producers (including Field Producers, Coordinating Producers, Associate Producers and some other Producer titles on a case-by-case basis; Production Assistants are not eligible), Directors, Editors, Camerapersons / Cinematographers, Managing Editors, Writers, Reporters, Correspondents, Anchors, and some derivative job titles.

8. OUTSTANDING SOFT FEATURE STORY: SHORT FORM

This category is reserved for soft feature stories—human interest stories, profiles etc., often with a light, humorous or uplifting tone—that run 12 minutes or less. Entries must be drawn from a single broadcast on a single airdate. Submissions composed of multiple reports from different airdates are not eligible in this category. Soft feature stories that run longer than 12 minutes (12:01 or longer) must submit to 9/ Outstanding Soft Feature Story: Long Form.

SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS

- Entries must be devoted entirely to a single story and must be drawn from a single broadcast on a single airdate. Submissions composed of multiple reports from different airdates are not eligible in this category.
- Maximum Running Time for Submission video: 12 minutes.
- Note: Because this category is defined by length (i.e. each included report must be 12 minutes or less) each included report must be a complete, as-aired report, rather than an edited version of an over 12-minute report that is cut down to meet the maximum length of 12 minutes for a short form news category.
- Essay: Each entry must include an essay of up to 750 words explaining why it is Emmy® -worthy (see [page 58](#) for essay instructions).
- Submission video: Upload your submission video to the Media page of the submission site at news.theemmys.tv. Important: Be sure to follow the video specifications on [page 62-63](#) of the rulebook when preparing your video. Remove all commercials from submission video.
- National telecasts (over-the-air, cable and satellite broadcasts etc.) and online/digital/VOD programming are eligible for submission.
- Statue-Eligible: Executive Producers, Senior Producers, Producers (including Field Producers, Coordinating Producers, Associate Producers and some other Producer titles on a case-by-case basis; Production Assistants are not eligible), Directors, Editors, Camerapersons / Cinematographers, Managing Editors, Writers, Reporters, Correspondents, Anchors, and some derivative job titles.

9. OUTSTANDING SOFT FEATURE STORY: LONG FORM

This category is reserved for soft feature reports—human interest stories, profiles etc., often with a light, humorous or uplifting tone—that run longer than 12 minutes (12:01 or longer). Entries must be drawn from a single broadcast on a single airdate. Submissions composed of multiple reports from different airdates are not eligible in this category. Soft feature stories that run 12 minutes or less should submit to 8/ Outstanding Soft Feature Story: Short Form. Maximum running time in this category is 60 minutes.

SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS

- Entries must be devoted entirely to a single story and must be drawn from a single broadcast on a single airdate. Submissions composed of multiple reports from different airdates are not eligible in this category.
- Report length. This category is for entries that contain feature stories that run longer than 12 minutes (12:01 or longer).
- Maximum Running Time for Submission video: 60 minutes.
- Essay: Each entry must include an essay of up to 750 words explaining why it is Emmy® -worthy (see [page 58](#) for essay instructions).
- Submission video: Upload your submission video to the Media page of the submission site at news.theemmys.tv. Important: Be sure to follow the video specifications on [page 62-63](#) of the rulebook when preparing your video. Remove all commercials from submission video.
- National telecasts (over-the-air, cable and satellite broadcasts etc.) and online/digital/VOD programming are eligible for submission.
- Statue-Eligible: Executive Producers, Senior Producers, Producers (including Field Producers, Coordinating Producers, Associate Producers and some other Producer titles on a case-by-case basis; Production Assistants are not eligible), Directors, Editors, Camera persons / Cinematographers, Managing Editors, Writers, Reporters, Correspondents, Anchors, and some derivative job titles.

10. OUTSTANDING HARD NEWS FEATURE STORY: SHORT FORM

This category is reserved for feature reports on current hard news stories that run 12 minutes or less. Entries must be drawn from a single broadcast on a single airdate. Submissions composed of multiple reports from different airdates are not eligible in this category. Hard news features that run 12 minutes or longer (12:01 or longer) must submit to 11/Outstanding Hard News Feature Story: Long Form.

SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS

- Entries must be devoted entirely to a single story and must be drawn from a single broadcast on a single airdate. Submissions composed of multiple reports from different airdates are not eligible in this category.
- Maximum Running Time for Submission video: 12 minutes.
- Note: Because this category is defined by length (i.e. each included report must be 12 minutes or less) each included report must be a complete, as-aired report, rather than an edited version of an over 12-minute report that is cut down to meet the maximum length of 12 minutes for a short form news category.
- Essay: Each entry must include an essay of up to 750 words explaining why it is Emmy® -worthy (see [page 58](#) for essay instructions).
- Submission video: Upload your submission video to the Media page of the submission site at news.theemmys.tv. Important: Be sure to follow the video specifications on [page 62-63](#) of the rulebook when preparing your video. Remove all commercials from submission video.
- National telecasts (over-the-air, cable and satellite broadcasts etc.) and online/digital/VOD programming are eligible for submission.
- Statue-Eligible: Executive Producers, Senior Producers, Producers (including Field Producers, Coordinating Producers, Associate Producers and some other Producer titles on a case-by-case basis; Production Assistants are not eligible), Directors, Editors, Camera persons / Cinematographers, Managing Editors, Writers, Reporters, Correspondents, Anchors, and some derivative job titles.

11. OUTSTANDING HARD NEWS FEATURE STORY: LONG FORM

This category is reserved for feature reports on current hard news stories that run longer than 12 minutes (12:01 or longer). Entries must be drawn from a single broadcast on a single airdate. Submissions composed of multiple reports from different airdates are not eligible in this category. Hard News feature stories that run 12 minutes or less should submit to 10/Outstanding Hard News Feature Story: Short Form. Maximum running time in this category is 60 minutes.

SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS

- Entries must be devoted entirely to a single story and must be drawn from a single broadcast on a single airdate. Submissions composed of multiple reports from different airdates are not eligible in this category.
- Report length. This category is for entries that contain feature stories that run longer than 12 minutes (12:01 or longer).
- Maximum Running Time for Submission video: 60 minutes.
- Essay: Each entry must include an essay of up to 750 words explaining why it is Emmy® -worthy (see [page 58](#) for essay instructions).
- Submission video: Upload your submission video to the Media page of the submission site at news.theemmys.tv. Important: Be sure to follow the video specifications on [page 62-63](#) of the rulebook when preparing your video. Remove all commercials from submission video.
- National telecasts (over-the-air, cable and satellite broadcasts etc.) and online/digital/VOD programming are eligible for submission.
- Statue-Eligible: Executive Producers, Senior Producers, Producers (including Field Producers, Coordinating Producers, Associate Producers and some other Producer titles on a case-by-case basis; Production Assistants are not eligible), Directors, Editors, Camerapersons / Cinematographers, Managing Editors, Writers, Reporters, Correspondents, Anchors, and some derivative job titles.

12. OUTSTANDING INVESTIGATIVE NEWS COVERAGE: SHORT FORM

This category is reserved for short form investigative reporting. Emphasis is on original enterprise reporting that is the result of the original investigative work of the on-screen reporter or news organization that originally broadcast the report. Entries will be judged on the quality and extent of the research, the presentation and the impact of the reporting, which may include new legislation, policies, government or legal investigations, public outcry, etc. This category is reserved for individual reports that run 12 minutes or less. Entries may consist of a single report or a series of reports on a single topic. Multiple reports may be submitted to this category, but all included reports must run 12 minutes or less and the total running time of the submission video must not exceed 25 minutes.

SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS

- Entries must be devoted entirely to a single story, subject or theme.
- Maximum Running Time for Submission video: 25 minutes.
- Submissions may contain up to 7 as-aired reports provided the total running time of the submission video is 25 minutes or less. Dip to black between individual reports.
- Maximum length of individual reports: 12 minutes. Any Investigative News Coverage submission containing reports longer than 12 minutes (12:01 or longer) must submit to category 13/ Outstanding Investigative News Coverage: Long Form.
- Note: Because this category is defined by length (i.e. each included report must be 12 minutes or less) each included report must be a complete, as-aired report, rather than an edited version of an over 12-minute report that is cut down to meet the maximum length of 12 minutes for a short form news category.
- Essay: Each entry must include an essay of up to 750 words explaining why it is Emmy® -worthy (see [page 58](#) for essay instructions).
- Submission video: Upload your submission video to the Media page of the submission site at news.theemmys.tv. Important: Be sure to follow the video specifications on [page 62-63](#) of the rulebook when preparing your video. Remove all commercials from submission video.
- National telecasts (over-the-air, cable and satellite broadcasts etc.) and online/digital/VOD programming are eligible for submission.
- Statue-Eligible: Executive Producers, Senior Producers, Producers (including Field Producers, Coordinating Producers, Associate Producers and some other Producer titles on a case-by-case basis; Production Assistants are not eligible), Directors, Editors, Camerapersons / Cinematographers, Managing Editors, Writers, Reporters, Correspondents, Anchors, and some derivative job titles.

13. OUTSTANDING INVESTIGATIVE NEWS COVERAGE: LONG FORM

This category is reserved for long form investigative reporting. Emphasis is on original enterprise reporting that is the result of the original investigative work of the on-screen reporter or news organization that originally broadcast the report. Entries will be judged on the quality and extent of the research, the presentation and the impact of the reporting, which may include new legislation, policies, government or legal investigations, public outcry, etc. This category is reserved for individual reports that run longer than 12 minutes. Entries may consist of a single report or a series of reports on a single topic. Entries in 13/ Outstanding Investigative News Coverage: Long Form that include multiple reports may include reports that run 12 minutes or less, but if any report in the submission is over 12 minutes (12:01 or longer) the entry must be submitted to category 13/ Outstanding Investigative News Coverage: Long Form. The maximum running time for submission video in this category is 60 minutes.

SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS

- Entries must be devoted entirely to a single story, subject or theme.
- Maximum Running Time for Submission video: 60 minutes.
- Submissions may contain up to 7 as-aired reports provided the total running time of the submission video is 60 minutes or less. Dip to black between individual reports.
- This category is for entries that contain reports that run longer than 12 minutes (12:01 or longer). An entry in 13/ Outstanding Investigative News Coverage: Long Form that includes multiple reports may include reports that run 12 minutes or less, but if any report in the submission is over 12 minutes it must submit to category 13/ Outstanding Investigative News Coverage: Long Form.
- Essay: Each entry must include an essay of up to 750 words explaining why it is Emmy® -worthy (see [page 58](#) for essay instructions).
- Submission video: Upload your submission video to the Media page of the submission site at news.theemmys.tv. Important: Be sure to follow the video specifications on [page 62-63](#) of the rulebook when preparing your video. Remove all commercials from submission video.
- National telecasts (over-the-air, cable and satellite broadcasts etc.) and online/ digital/VOD programming are eligible for submission.

- Statue-Eligible: Executive Producers, Senior Producers, Producers (including Field Producers, Coordinating Producers, Associate Producers and some other Producer titles on a case-by-case basis; Production Assistants are not eligible), Directors, Editors, Camerapersons / Cinematographers, Managing Editors, Writers, Reporters, Correspondents, Anchors, and some derivative job titles.

14. OUTSTANDING LIVE NEWS SPECIAL

This category is open to planned special events and other types of non-regularly scheduled news coverage that are broadcast live in real time: town halls, presidential and congressional debates, election night coverage, a papal visit, etc. Live special editions of regularly scheduled shows will be considered on a case-by-case basis. Some live-to-tape broadcasts may also be eligible in this category (see the language below for “as-live” and “live-to-tape” specials). Maximum running time for submission video is 60 minutes.

A “live” News Special can be either:

- a. A Special that is broadcast live as it is conducted, without editing or
- b. A prerecorded “as-live” or “live-to-tape” special that is later broadcast in its entirety with minimal post-production. Specials that include anything other than extremely minor editing must be submitted to 15/Recorded News Special. Programs assembled in post-production from multiple individual sources, such as “iso” camera recordings, do not satisfy the “Live-to-Tape” definition.
- c. For “As-live” and “live-to-tape” specials transmitted more than twenty-four (24) hours after the initial recording, contact News Emmy staff to inquire about whether the entry is better placed in 14/Live News Special or 15/Edited News Special.

SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS

- Entries must be devoted entirely to a single story, subject or theme.
- Maximum Running Time for Submission video: 60 minutes.
- Eligible submissions that run longer than the maximum submission video runtime of 60 minutes may contain up to 7 as-aired excerpts of continuous programming provided the total running time of the submission video is 60 minutes or less. Dip to black between excerpts of non-continuous programming
- Essay: Each entry must include an essay of up to 750 words explaining why it is Emmy® -worthy (see [page 58](#) for essay instructions).

- Submission video: Upload your submission video to the Media page of the submission site at news.theemmys.tv. Important: Be sure to follow the video specifications on [page 62-63](#) of the rulebook when preparing your video. Remove all commercials from submission video.
- National telecasts (over-the-air, cable and satellite broadcasts etc.) and online/digital/VOD programming are eligible for submission.
- Statue-Eligible: Executive Producers, Senior Producers, Producers (including Field Producers, Coordinating Producers, Associate Producers and some other Producer titles on a case-by-case basis; Production Assistants are not eligible), Directors, Editors, Camera persons / Cinematographers, Managing Editors, Writers, Reporters, Correspondents, Anchors, and some derivative job titles.

15. OUTSTANDING RECORDED NEWS SPECIAL

This category is open to prerecorded planned special events, special reports on newsworthy topics, and other types of non-regularly scheduled news specials. Special editions of regularly scheduled shows will be considered on a case-by-case basis. Maximum running time for submission video is 60 minutes. Some “as-live” and “live-to-tape” specials may be eligible for category 14/ Outstanding Live News Special. See the definition and requirements for that category for details.

SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS

- Entries must be devoted entirely to a single story, subject or theme.
- Maximum Running Time for Submission video: 60 minutes.
- Eligible submissions that run longer than the maximum submission video runtime of 60 minutes may contain up to 7 as-aired excerpts of continuous programming, provided the total running time of the submission video is 60 minutes or less. Dip to black between excerpts of non-continuous programming.
- Essay: Each entry must include an essay of up to 750 words explaining why it is Emmy® -worthy (see [page 58](#) for essay instructions).
- Submission video: Upload your submission video to the Media page of the submission site at news.theemmys.tv. Important: Be sure to follow the video specifications on [page 62-63](#) of the rulebook when preparing your video. Remove all commercials from submission video.

- National telecasts (over-the-air, cable and satellite broadcasts etc.) and online/digital/VOD programming are eligible for submission.
- Statue-Eligible: Executive Producers, Senior Producers, Producers (including Field Producers, Coordinating Producers, Associate Producers and some other Producer titles on a case-by-case basis; Production Assistants are not eligible), Directors, Editors, Camerapersons / Cinematographers, Managing Editors, Writers, Reporters, Correspondents, Anchors, and some derivative job titles.

16. OUTSTANDING NEWS DISCUSSION & ANALYSIS

This category is reserved for discussion and analysis of current news stories. It is open to broadcasts devoted solely to discussion and analysis (Washington Week) as well as broadcasts that feature discussion and analysis as a primary element of their regular programming (Meet the Press, Face the Nation, This Week, The Rachel Maddow Show, The Lead, etc.). Maximum running time for submission video is 60 minutes. Submissions may include:

- a. Discussion/analysis of a single story or subject. Entries may not exceed one hour in length and may include excerpts of programming from throughout the broadcast year.
- b. Or, a single broadcast of up to one hour devoted to discussion/analysis of a variety of subjects, as is common on roundtable shows like Washington Week etc.

SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS

- Entries must be devoted entirely to a single story, subject or theme.
- Maximum Running Time for Submission video: 60 minutes.
- Eligible submissions that run longer than the maximum submission video runtime of 60 minutes may contain up to 7 as-aired excerpts of continuous programming, provided the total running time of the submission video is 60 minutes or less. Dip to black between excerpts of non-continuous programming.
- Essay: Each entry must include an essay of up to 750 words explaining why it is Emmy® -worthy (see [page 58](#) for essay instructions).
- Submission video: Upload your submission video to the Media page of the submission site at news.theemmys.tv. Important: Be sure to follow the video specifications on [page 62-63](#) of the rulebook when preparing your video. Remove all commercials from submission video.
- National telecasts (over-the-air, cable and satellite broadcasts etc.) and online/digital/VOD programming are eligible for submission.

- Statue-Eligible: Executive Producers, Senior Producers, Producers (including Field Producers, Coordinating Producers, Associate Producers and some other Producer titles on a case-by-case basis; Production Assistants are not eligible), Directors, Editors, Camerapersons / Cinematographers, Managing Editors, Writers, Reporters, Correspondents, Anchors, and some derivative job titles.

17. OUTSTANDING NEWS DISCUSSION & ANALYSIS: EDITORIAL AND OPINION

This category is open to news analysis that features an editorial opinion or point of view, or that expresses a particular ideological or political or other editorial perspective, or advocates for a particular policy outcome. Submissions may include, but are not limited to, commentary, monologues, discussion and reporting in which an identifiable editorial perspective is a key part of the presentation. The editorial perspective should be that of the news organization or of the reporter/ presenter/journalist, and not that of the subject of a news report. This category is reserved primarily for news broadcasts and is not open to excerpts from documentaries.

SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS

- Entries must be devoted entirely to a single story, subject or theme.
- Maximum Running Time for Submission video: 60 minutes.
- Eligible submissions that run longer than the maximum submission video runtime of 60 minutes may contain up to 7 as-aired excerpts of continuous programming, provided the total running time of the submission video is 60 minutes or less. Dip to black between excerpts of non-continuous programming.
- Essay: Each entry must include an essay of up to 750 words explaining why it is Emmy® -worthy (see [page 58](#) for essay instructions).
- Submission video: Upload your submission video to the Media page of the submission site at news.theemmys.tv. Important: Be sure to follow the video specifications on [page 62-63](#) of the rulebook when preparing your video. Remove all commercials from submission video.
- National telecasts (over-the-air, cable and satellite broadcasts etc.) and online/digital/VOD programming are eligible for submission.
- Statue-Eligible: Executive Producers, Senior Producers, Producers (including Field Producers, Coordinating Producers, Associate Producers and some other Producer titles on a case-by-case basis; Production Assistants are not eligible), Directors, Editors, Camerapersons / Cinematographers, Managing Editors, Writers, Reporters, Correspondents, Anchors, and some derivative job titles.

18. OUTSTANDING LIVE INTERVIEW

This category is open to live and live-to-tape interviews with one or more individuals on a single news story (i.e. an interview with one or more victims of a specific hurricane, as opposed to victims of two separate hurricanes that occurred at different times). While the interview may include multiple interview subjects (interviewees), the interview must focus on a single news story. This category is intended primarily for formal interviews where both the interviewer(s) and the interviewee(s) are visible on camera, and where judges can evaluate the interaction between them. At a minimum most or all of the questions posed should be audible, even if the interviewer is off camera.

A “live” interview can be either:

- a. An interview that is broadcast live as it is conducted, without editing or
- b. A prerecorded “as-live” or “live-to-tape” interview that is later broadcast in its entirety with minimal post-production. Interviews that include anything other than extremely minor editing (for example significantly condensing the original taped interview, altering the sequence of questions posed etc.) must be submitted to 15/Edited Interview.
- c. For “As-live” and “live-to-tape” broadcasts transmitted more than twenty-four (24) hours after the initial recording, contact News Emmy staff to inquire about whether the entry is better placed in 14/Live Interview or 19/Edited Interview.

NOTE:

For live to tape submissions, NATAS may request further info regarding edits and other production decisions to determine eligibility. NATAS reserves the right to reassign any submission in this category to category 19/Outstanding Edited Interview if so warranted. This category is not intended for documentary films or excerpts from documentaries.

SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS

- Entries must be devoted entirely to a single story, subject or theme.
- Maximum Running Time for Submission video: 60 minutes.
- Eligible submissions that run longer than the maximum submission video runtime of 60 minutes may contain up to 7 as-aired excerpts of continuous programming provided the total running time of the submission video is 60 minutes or less. Dip to black between excerpts of non-continuous programming
- Essay: Each entry must include an essay of up to 750 words explaining why it is Emmy® -worthy (see [page 58](#) for essay instructions).
- Submission video: Upload your submission video to the Media page of the submission site at news.theemmys.tv. Important: Be sure to follow the video specifications on [page 62-63](#) of the rulebook when preparing your video. Remove all commercials from submission video.
- National telecasts (over-the-air, cable and satellite broadcasts etc.) and online/digital/VOD programming are eligible for submission.
- Statue-Eligible: Executive Producers, Senior Producers, Producers (including Field Producers, Coordinating Producers, Associate Producers and some other Producer titles on a case-by-case basis; Production Assistants are not eligible), Directors, Editors, Camera persons / Cinematographers, Managing Editors, Writers, Reporters, Correspondents, Anchors, and some derivative job titles.

19. OUTSTANDING EDITED INTERVIEW

This category is open to edited/pre-recorded interviews with one or more individuals on a single news story (i.e. an interview with one or more victims of a specific hurricane, as opposed to victims of two separate hurricanes that occurred at different times). While the interview may include multiple interview subjects (interviewees), the interview must focus on a single news story. This category is intended primarily for formal interviews where both the interviewer(s) and the interviewee(s) are visible on camera, and where judges can evaluate the interaction between them. At a minimum most or all of the questions posed should be audible, even if the interviewer is off camera. This category is not intended for documentary films or excerpts from documentaries.

SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS

- Maximum Running Time for Submission video: 60 minutes.
- Eligible submissions that run longer than the maximum submission video runtime of 60 minutes may contain up to 7 as-aired excerpts of continuous programming provided the total running time of the submission video is 60 minutes or less. Dip to black between excerpts of non-continuous programming
- Essay: Each entry must include an essay of up to 750 words explaining why it is Emmy® -worthy (see [page 58](#) for essay instructions).
- Submission video: Upload your submission video to the Media page of the submission site at news.theemmys.tv. Important: Be sure to follow the video specifications on [page 62-63](#) of the rulebook when preparing your video. Remove all commercials from submission video.
- National telecasts (over-the-air, cable and satellite broadcasts etc.) and online/digital/VOD programming are eligible for submission.
- Statue-Eligible: Executive Producers, Senior Producers, Producers (including Field Producers, Coordinating Producers, Associate Producers and some other Producer titles on a case-by-case basis; Production Assistants are not eligible), Directors, Editors, Camera persons / Cinematographers, Managing Editors, Writers, Reporters, Correspondents, Anchors, and some derivative job titles.

20. OUTSTANDING SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY OR ENVIRONMENTAL COVERAGE

This category is open to coverage of environmental impact issues, science, technology or related topics by news organizations. Entries may consist of a single report or a series of reports on a single topic. Maximum running time for submission video is 60 minutes.

SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS

- Maximum Running Time for Submission video: 60 minutes.
- Eligible submissions that run longer than the maximum submission video runtime of 60 minutes may contain up to 7 as-aired excerpts of continuous programming provided the total running time of the submission video is 60 minutes or less. Dip to black between excerpts of non-continuous programming
- Essay: Each entry must include an essay of up to 750 words explaining why it is Emmy® -worthy (see [page 58](#) for essay instructions).

- Submission video: Upload your submission video to the Media page of the submission site at news.theemmys.tv. Important: Be sure to follow the video specifications on [page 62-63](#) of the rulebook when preparing your video. Remove all commercials from submission video.
- National telecasts (over-the-air, cable and satellite broadcasts etc.) and online/digital/VOD programming are eligible for submission.
- Statue-Eligible: Executive Producers, Senior Producers, Producers (including Field Producers, Coordinating Producers, Associate Producers and some other Producer titles on a case-by-case basis; Production Assistants are not eligible), Directors, Editors, Camerapersons / Cinematographers, Managing Editors, Writers, Reporters, Correspondents, Anchors, and some derivative job titles.

21. OUTSTANDING HEALTH OR MEDICAL COVERAGE

This category is open to coverage of health or medical related topics by news organizations. Entries may consist of a single report or a series of reports on a single topic. Maximum running time for submission video is 60 minutes.

SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS

- Maximum Running Time for Submission video: 60 minutes.
- Eligible submissions that run longer than the maximum submission video runtime of 60 minutes may contain up to 7 as-aired excerpts of continuous programming provided the total running time of the submission video is 60 minutes or less. Dip to black between excerpts of non-continuous programming
- Essay: Each entry must include an essay of up to 750 words explaining why it is Emmy® -worthy (see [page 58](#) for essay instructions).
- Submission video: Upload your submission video to the Media page of the submission site at news.theemmys.tv. Important: Be sure to follow the video specifications on [page 62-63](#) of the rulebook when preparing your video. Remove all commercials from submission video.
- National telecasts (over-the-air, cable and satellite broadcasts etc.) and online/digital/VOD programming are eligible for submission.
- Statue-Eligible: Executive Producers, Senior Producers, Producers (including Field Producers, Coordinating Producers, Associate Producers and some other Producer titles on a case-by-case basis; Production Assistants are not eligible), Directors, Editors, Camerapersons / Cinematographers, Managing Editors, Writers, Reporters, Correspondents, Anchors, and some derivative job titles.

22. OUTSTANDING ARTS, CULTURE OR ENTERTAINMENT COVERAGE

This category is open to coverage of pop culture, arts and entertainment, lifestyle and related topics by news organizations. Entries may consist of a single report or a series of reports on a single topic. Maximum running time for submission video is 60 minutes.

SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS

- Maximum Running Time for Submission video: 60 minutes.
- Eligible submissions that run longer than the maximum submission video runtime of 60 minutes may contain up to 7 as-aired excerpts of continuous programming provided the total running time of the submission video is 60 minutes or less. Dip to black between excerpts of non-continuous programming
- Essay: Each entry must include an essay of up to 750 words explaining why it is Emmy® -worthy (see [page 58](#) for essay instructions).
- Submission video: Upload your submission video to the Media page of the submission site at news.theemmys.tv. Important: Be sure to follow the video specifications on [page 62-63](#) of the rulebook when preparing your video. Remove all commercials from submission video.
- National telecasts (over-the-air, cable and satellite broadcasts etc.) and online/digital/VOD programming are eligible for submission.
- Statue-Eligible: Executive Producers, Senior Producers, Producers (including Field Producers, Coordinating Producers, Associate Producers and some other Producer titles on a case-by-case basis; Production Assistants are not eligible), Directors, Editors, Camerapersons / Cinematographers, Managing Editors, Writers, Reporters, Correspondents, Anchors, and some derivative job titles.

23. OUTSTANDING BUSINESS, CONSUMER OR ECONOMIC COVERAGE

This category honors outstanding reporting on a business, consumer or economic story by news organizations. Maximum running time for submission video is 60 minutes.

SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS

- Maximum Running Time for Submission video: 60 minutes.
- Eligible submissions that run longer than the maximum submission video runtime of 60 minutes may contain up to 7 as-aired excerpts of continuous programming provided the total running time of the submission video is 60 minutes or less. Dip to black between excerpts of non-continuous programming
- Essay: Each entry must include an essay of up to 750 words explaining why it is Emmy® -worthy (see [page 58](#) for essay instructions).
- Submission video: Upload your submission video to the Media page of the submission site at news.theemmys.tv. Important: Be sure to follow the video specifications on [page 62-63](#) of the rulebook when preparing your video. Remove all commercials from submission video.
- National telecasts (over-the-air, cable and satellite broadcasts etc.) and online/digital/VOD programming are eligible for submission.
- Statue-Eligible: Executive Producers, Senior Producers, Producers (including Field Producers, Coordinating Producers, Associate Producers and some other Producer titles on a case-by-case basis; Production Assistants are not eligible), Directors, Editors, Camerapersons / Cinematographers, Managing Editors, Writers, Reporters, Correspondents, Anchors, and some derivative job titles.

24. OUTSTANDING CRIME AND JUSTICE COVERAGE

This category is reserved for coverage of crime, the law, and other legal and criminal justice related topics by news organizations. Maximum running time for submission video is 45 minutes.

SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS

- Maximum Running Time for Submission video: 60 minutes.
- Eligible submissions that run longer than the maximum submission video runtime of 60 minutes may contain up to 7 as-aired excerpts of continuous programming provided the total running time of the submission video is 60 minutes or less. Dip to black between excerpts of non-continuous programming

- **Essay:** Each entry must include an essay of up to 750 words explaining why it is Emmy® -worthy (see [page 58](#) for essay instructions).
- **Submission video:** Upload your submission video to the Media page of the submission site at news.theemmys.tv. Important: Be sure to follow the video specifications on [page 62-63](#) of the rulebook when preparing your video. Remove all commercials from submission video.
- **National telecasts** (over-the-air, cable and satellite broadcasts etc.) and online/digital/VOD programming are eligible for submission.
- **Statue-Eligible:** Executive Producers, Senior Producers, Producers (including Field Producers, Coordinating Producers, Associate Producers and some other Producer titles on a case-by-case basis; Production Assistants are not eligible), Directors, Editors, Camera persons / Cinematographers, Managing Editors, Writers, Reporters, Correspondents, Anchors, and some derivative job titles.

25. BEST NEWS COVERAGE: SHORT FORM

This category recognizes the best short form news coverage in 2021. This category is reserved for individual reports that run 12 minutes or less. Entries may consist of a single report or a series of reports on a single topic. Multiple reports may be submitted to this category, but all included reports must run 12 minutes or less and the total running time of the submission video must not exceed 25 minutes.

NOTE:

Entries in the news “Best Of” categories (categories 25 & 26) can, but need not be, entered in ONE additional non-craft news category (categories 4-24 and 41-43), and/or any number of news craft categories (categories 46-51 and 58-60).

SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS

- Entries must be devoted entirely to a single story, subject or theme.
- Maximum Running Time for Submission video: 25 minutes.
- Submissions may contain up to 7 as-aired reports provided the total running time of the submission video is 25 minutes or less. Dip to black between individual reports.
- Maximum length of individual reports: 12 minutes. Any Best News Coverage submission containing reports longer than 12 minutes (12:01 or longer) must submit to category 26/Best News Coverage—Long Form.

- Note: Because this category is defined by length (i.e. each included report must be 12 minutes or less) each included report must be a complete, as-aired report, rather than an edited version of an over 12-minute report that is cut down to meet the maximum length of 12 minutes for a short form news category.
- Each entry must include an essay of up to 750 words explaining why it is Emmy® - worthy (see [page 58](#) for essay instructions).
- Submission video: Upload your submission video to the Media page of the submission site at news.theemmys.tv. Important: Be sure to follow the video specifications on [page 62-63](#) of the rulebook when preparing your video. Remove all commercials from submission video.
- National telecasts (over-the-air, cable and satellite broadcasts etc.) and online/digital/VOD programming are eligible for submission.
- Statue-Eligible: Executive Producers, Senior Producers, Producers (including Field Producers, Coordinating Producers, Associate Producers and some other Producer titles on a case-by-case basis; Production Assistants are not eligible), Directors, Editors, Camera persons / Cinematographers, Managing Editors, Writers, Reporters, Correspondents, Anchors, and some derivative job titles.

26. BEST NEWS COVERAGE—LONG FORM

This category recognizes the best long form news coverage in 2021. This category is reserved for individual reports that run longer than 12 minutes. Entries in may consist of a single report or a series of reports on a single topic. Entries in 26/Best News Coverage: Long Form that include multiple reports may include reports that run 12 minutes or less, but if any report in the submission is over 12 minutes (12:01 or longer) the entry must be submitted to category 26/Best News Coverage—Long Form. The maximum running time for submission video in this category is 60 minutes.

NOTE:

Entries in the news “Best Of” categories (categories 25 & 26) can, but need not be, entered in ONE additional news non- craft category (categories 4-24 and 41-43), and/or any number of news craft categories (categories 46-51 and 58-60).

SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS

- Entries must be devoted entirely to a single story, subject or theme.
- Maximum Running Time for Submission video: 60 minutes.
- Submissions may contain up to 7 as-aired reports provided the total running time of the submission video is 60 minutes or less. Dip to black between individual reports.
- This category is for entries that contain reports that run longer than 12 minutes (12:01 or longer). Entries in 26/Best News Coverage: Long Form that include multiple reports may include reports that run 12 minutes or less, but if any report in the submission is over 12 minutes (12:01 or longer) the entry must be submitted to category 26/Best News Coverage—Long Form.
- Each entry must include an essay of up to 750 words explaining why it is Emmy® - worthy (see [page 58](#) for essay instructions).
- Submission video: Upload your submission video to the Media page of the submission site at news.theemmys.tv. Important: Be sure to follow the video specifications on [page 62-63](#) of the rulebook when preparing your video. Remove all commercials from submission video.
- National telecasts (over-the-air, cable and satellite broadcasts etc.) and online/digital/VOD programming are eligible for submission.
- Statue-Eligible: Executive Producers, Senior Producers, Producers (including Field Producers, Coordinating Producers, Associate Producers and some other Producer titles on a case-by-case basis; Production Assistants are not eligible), Directors, Editors, Camerapersons / Cinematographers, Managing Editors, Writers, Reporters, Correspondents, Anchors, and some derivative job titles.

DOCUMENTARIES

*Definitions for documentary categories 27-36 are listed below, followed by the submission requirements for these categories.

27. OUTSTANDING CURRENT AFFAIRS DOCUMENTARY

This category is open to documentaries on current newsworthy subjects.

28. OUTSTANDING POLITICS AND GOVERNMENT DOCUMENTARY

This category is open to documentaries on politics and/or government and related subjects. Submissions may include but are not limited to: documentary treatments of political figures or government officeholders or institutions; documentary treatments of political issues or public policy; other political/governmental subjects or topics.

29. OUTSTANDING SOCIAL ISSUE DOCUMENTARY

This category is open to documentaries dealing with social issues, for example poverty, obesity, discrimination, immigration, the environment, climate change, bullying, sexual assault etc.

30. OUTSTANDING INVESTIGATIVE DOCUMENTARY

This category is reserved for investigative documentaries. Emphasis is on enterprise reporting that is the result of the original investigative work of the filmmaker or filmmaking team. Entries will be judged on the quality and extent of the research, the presentation and the impact of the reporting, which may include new legislation, policies, government or legal investigations, public outcry, etc.

31. OUTSTANDING HISTORICAL DOCUMENTARY

This category is open to documentaries dealing with an historical event, personality or process.

32. OUTSTANDING ARTS & CULTURE DOCUMENTARY

This category is open to documentaries devoted to popular culture, the fine arts, and related cultural topics.

33. OUTSTANDING SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY DOCUMENTARY

This category is open to documentaries that have as their primary emphasis the examination of scientific issues, discoveries and explorations and/or the development and use of technology. Entries may feature the efforts and accomplishments of individuals and scientific institutions engaged in a wide range of scientific and technological disciplines or may otherwise convey principles and insights from those disciplines.

34. OUTSTANDING NATURE DOCUMENTARY

Entries should have as their primary emphasis the observation and exploration of nature, including discoveries and revelations related to plants, animals and the environment. Entries may feature the efforts and accomplishments of individuals engaged in the study of natural history and the environment or may otherwise convey principles and insights from those disciplines.

35. BUSINESS AND ECONOMIC DOCUMENTARY

This category is reserved for documentaries on business or economic topics.

36. OUTSTANDING CRIME AND JUSTICE DOCUMENTARY

This category is reserved for documentaries focused on crime, the law, and other legal and criminal justice related topics.

SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS FOR CATEGORIES 27-36

- Categories 27-36 are reserved for documentaries and nonfiction programming. While these categories are primarily for feature length documentaries, shorter documentaries that choose not to submit to category 37/Short Documentary are allowed to submit to categories 27-36 on a case-by-case basis.
- Entries must be devoted entirely to a single story, subject or theme.
- Entries may be drawn from a single broadcast or a series of broadcasts.

- Maximum Running Time for Submissions: 120 minutes. Documentaries that run 120 minutes or less must be submitted in their entirety. Those that run longer must be edited to 120 minutes. The maximum running time may be waived in certain cases—for example a documentary that runs longer than two hours, where editing to meet the maximum running time would significantly distort the narrative flow of the film. Contact Emmy® staff for approval.
- Maximum number of excerpts: Submissions requiring editing may contain up to 7 as-aired excerpts of continuous programming. Each excerpt must be a straight run without internal editing of program content. Dip to black between excerpts of non-continuous programming.
- Each entry must include an essay of up to 750 words explaining why it is Emmy® - worthy (see [page 58](#) for essay instructions).
- Submission video: Upload your submission video to the Media page of the submission site at news.theemmys.tv. Important: Be sure to follow the video specifications on [page 62-63](#) of the rulebook when preparing your video. Remove all commercials from submission video.
- National telecasts (over-the-air, cable and satellite broadcasts etc.) and online/digital/VOD programming are eligible for submission.
- Statue-Eligible: Executive Producers, Senior Producers, Producers (including Field Producers, Coordinating Producers, Associate Producers and some other Producer titles on a case-by-case basis; Production Assistants are not eligible), Directors, Editors, Camera persons / Cinematographers, Managing Editors, Writers, Reporters, Correspondents, Anchors, and some derivative job titles.

37. OUTSTANDING SHORT DOCUMENTARY

This category is reserved for short documentaries, i.e. documentaries with a running time of 40 minutes or less, including all credits. Both broadcast and online documentaries are eligible to submit to this category. Submissions may include single, stand-alone short documentaries, or a single subject short documentary delivered in multiple parts or episodes, provided the total running time of the finished product does not exceed 40 minutes. Documentaries with a running time of more than 40 minutes must submit to one of the other Documentary categories (categories 27-36 & 38). This category is not intended for reports from newscasts or news magazines, or excerpts from, or condensed versions of, feature length (i.e. longer than 40 minutes) documentaries.

SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS FOR 37/SHORT DOCUMENTARY

- Category 37 is reserved for documentaries and nonfiction programming with a running time of 40 minutes or less.
- Entries must be devoted entirely to a single story, subject or theme.
- Maximum Running Time for Submissions: 40 minutes, including all credits. Documentaries that run longer than 40 minutes must submit to one of the other Documentary categories (categories 27-36 & 38)
- Each entry must include an essay of up to 750 words explaining why it is Emmy® - worthy (see [page 58](#) for essay instructions).
- Submission video: Upload your submission video to the Media page of the submission site at news.theemmys.tv. Important: Be sure to follow the video specifications on [page 62-63](#) of the rulebook when preparing your video. Remove all commercials from submission video.
- National telecasts (over-the-air, cable and satellite broadcasts etc.) and online/digital/VOD programming are eligible for submission.
- Statue-Eligible: Executive Producers, Senior Producers, Producers (including Field Producers, Coordinating Producers, Associate Producers and some other Producer titles on a case-by-case basis; Production Assistants are not eligible), Directors, Editors, Camera persons / Cinematographers, Managing Editors, Writers, Reporters, Correspondents, Anchors, and some derivative job titles.

38. BEST DOCUMENTARY

This category recognizes the best documentary broadcast or streamed during 2021. Both feature length and short documentaries are eligible to submit. Maximum running time for submission video in this category is 120 minutes. The maximum running time may be waived in certain cases—for example a documentary that runs longer than two hours, where editing to meet the maximum running time would significantly distort the narrative flow of the film. Contact Emmy® staff for approval.

NOTE: Entries in 38/Best Documentary can, but need not be, entered in ONE additional non-craft documentary category (categories 27-37), and/or any number of documentary craft categories (categories 52-60).

SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS FOR 38/BEST DOCUMENTARY

- Entries must be devoted entirely to a single story, subject or theme.
- Entries may be drawn from a single broadcast or a series of broadcasts.
- Maximum Running Time for Submissions: 120 minutes. Documentaries that run 120 minutes or less must be submitted in their entirety. Those that run longer must be edited to 120 minutes. The maximum running time may be waived in certain cases—for example a documentary that runs longer than two hours, where editing to meet the maximum running time would significantly distort the narrative flow of the film. Contact Emmy® staff for approval.
- Maximum number of excerpts: Submissions requiring editing may contain up to 7 as-aired excerpts of continuous programming. Each excerpt must be a straight run without internal editing of program content. Dip to black between excerpts of non-continuous programming.
- Each entry must include an essay of up to 750 words explaining why it is Emmy® - worthy (see [page 58](#) for essay instructions).
- Submission video: Upload your submission video to the Media page of the submission site at news.theemmys.tv. Important: Be sure to follow the video specifications on [page 62-63](#) of the rulebook when preparing your video. Remove all commercials from submission video.
- National telecasts (over-the-air, cable and satellite broadcasts etc.) and online/digital/VOD programming are eligible for submission.
- Statue-Eligible: Executive Producers, Senior Producers, Producers (including Field Producers, Coordinating Producers, Associate Producers and some other Producer titles on a case-by-case basis; Production Assistants are not eligible), Directors, Editors, Camerapersons / Cinematographers, Managing Editors, Writers, Reporters, Correspondents, Anchors, and some derivative job titles.

SPANISH LANGUAGE

The following categories are open to national Spanish language broadcasts. Eligible entries must be submitted by US-based media companies for work created originally in the US, or original work created internationally for US Hispanic audiences and which has its first run in the continental United States. In addition, eligible entries must have aired on US-based networks or streaming services with a national distribution. Submissions must have made their global debut in their distribution to the continental United States. Should extenuating circumstances arise in which a production airs simultaneously outside the United States, or airs outside the United States ahead of its U.S. broadcast, NATAS awards administration will review the eligibility of the entry on a case-by-case basis.

Entries for the Spanish-language categories (categories 39-43) can be submitted without subtitles or voiceover and will be judged by a panel of Spanish-language media professionals who are bilingual or Spanish proficient. Spanish language entries submitted to categories other than 39-43 must include either an English language voiceover or subtitles.

39. OUTSTANDING NEWS PROGRAM IN SPANISH

- This category recognizes overall excellence in a Spanish language news program over the course of the calendar year 2021.
- Submissions are limited to regularly scheduled news broadcasts or branded blocks of news programming that cover current and ongoing news stories. News specials and other non-regularly scheduled news broadcasts, and stand-alone digital reports that are not a part of a regularly scheduled digital news broadcast, are not eligible in this category.

Note: This category is for overall excellence by a news program in Spanish. Any material submitted as part of a submission in this category stands in for the overall excellence of the show over the course of the calendar year. Consequently, the titles of the individual segments or reports submitted are not listed on the nominations or honorees press release. Only the title of the Newscast (Noticiero Telemundo) or Newsmagazine (Aqui y Ahora) will be listed.

SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS

- Only one (1) submission per news program.
- Minimum and Maximum Running Time for Submissions: Submissions must contain a minimum of 30 minutes of video and may contain up to 60 minutes of video.
- Entries must include a minimum of 3 and a maximum of 7 excerpts from throughout the eligibility year (i.e. the calendar year of 2021) demonstrating the overall excellence of the news program. Segments included in the entry must be pulled from at least two (2) separate airdates. Each excerpt must be a straight run without internal editing of program content. Dip to black between excerpts of non-continuous programming.
- Each entry must include an essay of up to 750 words explaining why it is Emmy® - worthy (see [page 58](#) for essay instructions).
- Submission video: Upload your submission video to the Media page of the submission site at news.theemmys.tv. Important: Be sure to follow the video specifications on [page 62-63](#) of the rulebook when preparing your video. Remove all commercials from submission video.
- Statue Eligible: Executive Producers, Producers, Associate Producers, Directors, Editors, Camera persons / Cinematographers, Head Writers and Writers, Hosts, Co-Hosts, Anchors and Correspondents credited on show.

NOTE:

1. Since this category is for overall excellence of the broadcast over the course of the eligibility year, statue-eligible credits submitted should include all statue-eligible individuals who worked on the show over the course of the eligibility year, not simply those that worked on the video content submitted for consideration.
2. In order to be statue-eligible, an individual must have worked and received credit on nineteen percent (19%) of the total episodes of the show in the eligibility year.

40. OUTSTANDING JOURNALIST IN SPANISH LANGUAGE MEDIA

The category recognizes individual excellence by a broadcast or digital journalist working in Spanish language media. Eligible positions include reporters, anchors, hosts and co-hosts, and other journalistic roles on a case-by-case basis. Entry video should demonstrate the entrant's individual excellence in news coverage of a single or multiple stories over the course of the 2021 eligibility year.

SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS

- Only one individual per entry; only one entry per individual (clips from multiple networks are allowed).
- Submission Video: Entry video should demonstrate the entrant's individual excellence in news coverage over the course of the eligibility year. Upload your submission video to the Media page of the submission site at news.theemmys.tv. Important: Be sure to follow the video specifications on [page 62-63](#) of the rulebook when preparing your video. Remove all commercials from submission video.
- Maximum Submission time: 60 minutes.
- Clips can focus on coverage of a single story or multiple stories. Body of work entries are allowed in this category provided all submitted material originally aired in 2021.
- There is no limit as to the number of excerpts or excerpt length.
- Essay: An essay of up to 750 words describing the entrant's submission and work as a journalist during the eligibility year of 2021. (see [page 58](#) for essay instructions).
- Eligibility: Calendar year 2021 (all clips included in the submission video must be from 2021).

41. OUTSTANDING COVERAGE OF A BREAKING NEWS STORY IN SPANISH

This category is reserved for coverage of breaking news stories and may include coverage of unexpected events, such as a plane crash or an earthquake; anticipated events, such as the verdict in a trial; and new and important breaking developments in an ongoing story. Entries may be drawn from a single broadcast or a series of broadcasts.

SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS

- Entries must be devoted entirely to a single breaking news event.
- Maximum Running Time for Submissions: 60 minutes.
- Maximum number of excerpts: Submissions requiring editing may contain up to 7 as-aired excerpts of continuous programming. Each excerpt must be a straight run without internal editing of program content. Likewise, a submission composed of a series of individual reports on a single topic may contain up to seven segments or excerpts, provided the total running time of the submission video is 60 minutes or less. Dip to black between excerpts of non-continuous programming.

- Each entry must include an essay of up to 750 words explaining why it is Emmy® - worthy (see [page 58](#) for essay instructions).
- Submission video: Upload your submission video to the Media page of the submission site at news.theemmys.tv. Important: Be sure to follow the video specifications on [page 62-63](#) of the rulebook when preparing your video. Remove all commercials from submission video.
- Statue Eligible: Executive Producers, Producers, Associate Producers, Directors, Editors, Camera persons / Cinematographers, Head Writers and Writers, Hosts, Co-Hosts, Anchors and Correspondents credited on show.

42. OUTSTANDING INVESTIGATIVE JOURNALISM IN SPANISH

This category is reserved for investigative reports in Spanish-language media. Entries must contain enterprise reporting that is the result of the original investigative work of the on-screen reporter or news organization that originally broadcast the report. Entries may consist of a single report or a series of reports on a single topic.

SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS

- Entries must be devoted entirely to a single story, subject or theme.
- Maximum Running Time for Submissions: 60 minutes.
- Maximum number of excerpts: Submissions requiring editing may contain up to 7 as-aired excerpts of continuous programming. Each excerpt must be a straight run without internal editing of program content. Likewise, a submission composed of a series of individual reports on a single topic may contain up to seven segments or excerpts, provided the total running time of the submission video is 60 minutes or less. Dip to black between excerpts of non-continuous programming.
- Each entry must include an essay of up to 750 words explaining why it is Emmy® - worthy (see [page 58](#) for essay instructions).
- Submission video: Upload your submission video to the Media page of the submission site at news.theemmys.tv. Important: Be sure to follow the video specifications on [page 62-63](#) of the rulebook when preparing your video. Remove all commercials from submission video.
- Statue Eligible: Executive Producers, Producers, Associate Producers, Directors, Editors, Camera persons / Cinematographers, Head Writers and Writers, Hosts, Co-Hosts, Anchors and Correspondents credited on show.

43. OUTSTANDING FEATURE STORY IN SPANISH

This category is reserved for feature stories in Spanish. Feature stories are generally defined as enterprise reporting that emphasizes a narrative or storytelling approach to the subject matter and includes more context and background than is typically found in a straight factual news story. Entries must be drawn from a single broadcast on a single airdate. Submissions composed of multiple reports from different airdates are not eligible in this category.

SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS

- Entries must be devoted entirely to a single story, subject or theme.
- Maximum Running Time for Submissions: 60 minutes.
- Maximum number of excerpts: Submissions requiring editing may contain up to 7 as-aired excerpts of continuous programming. Each excerpt must be a straight run without internal editing of program content. Dip to black between excerpts of non-continuous programming.
- Each entry must include an essay of up to 750 words explaining why it is Emmy® - worthy (see [page 58](#) for essay instructions).
- Submission video: Upload your submission video to the Media page of the submission site at news.theemmys.tv. Important: Be sure to follow the video specifications on [page 62-63](#) of the rulebook when preparing your video. Remove all commercials from submission video.
- Statue Eligible: Executive Producers, Producers, Associate Producers, Directors, Editors, Camera persons / Cinematographers, Head Writers and Writers, Hosts, Co-Hosts, Anchors and Correspondents credited on show.

INTERACTIVE MEDIA

*See [page 64-65](#) for Interactive Media entry preparation instructions.

These categories are open to interactive media projects employing new and emerging platforms and presentation techniques, as well as more established methods and platforms.

Potential submissions include, but are not limited to: Multiplatform and/or transmedia news coverage or documentary storytelling projects, multimedia projects, immersive media projects etc. While both interactive media categories below are open to a wide variety of nonfiction interactive media projects, the emphasis in category 45/Outstanding Interactive Media: Innovation, is on projects that go beyond existing approaches in a new and/or meaningful way, either by reimagining the form, or using existing interactive tools and techniques in a novel and meaningful way.

While these categories emphasize nonlinear, interactive documentaries and news reports, a multimedia or multiplatform submission, for example, may include linear video among other elements. Primarily linear documentary films and news reports are more appropriate for the various news, long form, and short documentary categories.

While these categories are open to new and innovative approaches to the presentation and delivery of content, experiments with form should serve the content of the news story or documentary subject under consideration. Entries will be evaluated on, among other things, how well the form of presentation serves the content of the piece.

Statue Eligible: Executive Producers, Senior Producers, Producers, Associate Producers, Directors, Editors, Camerapersons / Cinematographers, Managing Editors, Writers, Reporters, Correspondents. Other team members responsible for the multiplatform, multimedia, transmedia, interactive or immersive media elements of a project may be considered for eligibility provided their role was more than supervisory and they made a substantial creative contribution to the content. Contact administration to petition for off-list credits. All titles are subject to review.

44. OUTSTANDING INTERACTIVE MEDIA

This category is open to news, documentary, and nonfiction interactive media projects, employing new and emerging platforms and presentation techniques, as well as more established interactive methods and platforms. Interactive elements that engage viewers in a meaningful and significant way should be a central element of the submission. Potential submissions include, but are not limited to: Multiplatform and/or transmedia news coverage or documentary storytelling projects, multimedia projects, immersive media projects etc. Submission content is hosted by the entrant. Entrants will either include a URL directing judges to the project as it exists online or create a judging page specifically designed to showcase the project for Emmy judging. Entrants in this category may also include a brief explanatory video on their judging site highlighting the Emmy®-worthy aspects of the project.

45. OUTSTANDING INTERACTIVE MEDIA: INNOVATION

This category is open to news, documentary, and nonfiction projects that advance the art and science of interactive media. Entries in this interactive category should emphasize innovation. Entries should go beyond existing approaches in a new and/or meaningful way, either by reimagining the form, or using existing interactive tools and techniques in a novel and meaningful way. An up to 10-minute explanatory video demonstrating the project and highlighting its innovative, Emmy-worthy interactive elements is required in this category, along with a URL directing judges to the project as it exists online, or to a judging page specifically designed to showcase the project for Emmy judging.

CRAFT ACHIEVEMENT CATEGORIES

Definitions for the craft categories 46-60 are below, followed by submission requirements for these categories.

CRAFT ACHIEVEMENT: NEWS

46. OUTSTANDING WRITING: NEWS

This category is open to individuals and teams having the creative input in writing, re-writing and amending the script or narration of news coverage. Entries must include one copy of the entire script of the program or story submitted, in addition to the up to 750-word essay. Submission video in this and all craft categories is limited to 25 minutes of excerpts from the program or report under consideration.

Statue-eligible: Writers

While writers are also statue-eligible in Program/Segment categories like Feature Story etc., a writer that wins an Emmy in the Writing: News category cannot also be included in the winning credits for the same story or content in a Program/Segment category. In the case of a win for the same story, report or coverage in both a Writing and a Program/Segment category, the writer will be awarded a statue in the Writing category only.

47. OUTSTANDING RESEARCH: NEWS

This category honors individuals engaged in factual and/or archival research for news coverage. Entrants are those engaged in a significant amount of careful investigation and study to discover facts and collect information about a subject, or to locate and acquire audiovisual materials that form the basis of a news report. Submission video in this and all craft categories is limited to 25 minutes of excerpts from the program or report under consideration.

Statue-eligible: Researchers

48. OUTSTANDING DIRECTION: NEWS

This category is open to directors of news broadcasts. Directors are those responsible for bringing to air all the production elements in order to present a finished product. Eligible submissions may originate from a) regularly scheduled news broadcasts, such as a nightly newscast or morning show or b) live or live-to-tape news events like unscheduled coverage of a breaking news event, special events like town halls or election coverage etc.

Submissions may include:

- a. Up to 25 minutes of excerpts from a single news broadcast on a single airdate showcasing the skill of the director.
- b. Up to 25 minutes of excerpts from a single news event—a breaking news event, a special event like a town hall or election coverage etc. showcasing the skill of the director.

Submission video in this and all craft categories is limited to 25 minutes of excerpts from the program or report under consideration.

Note: While all other craft categories require that material submitted for consideration must focus on a single story, subject or theme, submissions in this category that focus on direction of a particular broadcast of a particular show (option “a” above, for example the July 15th episode of a nightly newscast) may include multiple segments on distinct topics. Entries showcasing the direction of a single news event, such as a breaking news event or election coverage (option ‘B’ above) must focus on the event in question (for example an entry showcasing a particular director’s direction of multiple, distinct and unrelated breaking news events on different airdates is not eligible).

Statue-eligible: Directors (This category is not open to Assistant Directors or Technical Directors).

While directors are also statue-eligible in Program/Segment categories like Breaking News, a director that wins an Emmy in the Directing: News category cannot also be included in the winning credits for the same story or content in a Program/Segment category. In the case of a win for the same story, report or coverage in both a Directing and a Program/Segment category, the director will be awarded a statue in the Directing category only.

49. OUTSTANDING VIDEO JOURNALISM: NEWS

This category is open to camera work for news coverage, and may include reports from newscasts and newsmagazines, as well as live coverage, special reports, and other types of news coverage. It is intended for those who actually record on film or videotape events, interviews, and other visuals which comprise a news program or story. The cameraperson is the person actually operating and guiding the camera, whether working independently or under the direction of a producer or director. Camerawork for documentaries must be submitted to category 55. Submission video in this and all craft categories is limited to 25 minutes of excerpts from the program or report under consideration.

Statue-eligible: Cameraperson, Cinematographer, Director of Photography.

Note: Camerapersons and Cinematographers are also statue eligible in Program/Segment categories. However, a cameraperson can only win a single statue for the same work. In the case of a cameraperson winning in the Video Journalism category for a story or report that also wins in a Program category like Breaking News, the cameraperson will be awarded a statue in the Outstanding Video Journalism: News category only.

50. OUTSTANDING EDITING: NEWS

This category is open to editing for news coverage, and may include reports from newscasts and news magazines, as well as live coverage, special reports, and other types of news coverage. Editors are those individuals responsible for editing digital media, videotape and film to produce a finished story or program. Editing for documentaries must be submitted to category 56. Submission video in this and all craft categories is limited to 25 minutes of excerpts from the program or report under consideration.

Statue-eligible: Editor.

Note: Editors are also considered statue eligible in Program/Segment categories. However, an editor can only win a single statue for the same work. In the case of an editor winning in Editing: News for a story or report that also wins in a Program/Segment category like Feature Story, the editor will be awarded a statue in the Outstanding Editing: News category only.

51. OUTSTANDING GRAPHIC DESIGN AND ART DIRECTION: NEWS

This category is open to Art Directors & Graphic Designers for news coverage. Art Directors are those with the overall creative responsibility for the development and supervision of graphic elements in news programs. Graphic Designers include artists and designers who create electronic graphics, graphics illustrators, electronic and film animators, and artists and designers who employ electronic devices, as well as traditional artistic tools, to develop graphic elements for news programs.

These include, but are not limited to: opens, teases, title sequences, and other graphic elements for news broadcasts; motion graphics that work in tandem with live action elements to create a cohesive visual story for a news feature or report; visual effects utilizing 3D modeling, motion tracking, augmented reality and other techniques. The material submitted must be new material for 2021. Submission video in this and all craft categories is limited to 25 minutes of excerpts from the program or report under consideration.

Statue-eligible: Graphic Designers and Art Directors and derivative positions on a case-by-case basis.

CRAFT ACHIEVEMENT DOCUMENTARY

52. OUTSTANDING WRITING: DOCUMENTARY

This category is open to individuals and teams having the creative input in writing, re-writing and amending the script or narration of a documentary. Entries must include one copy of the entire script of the program submitted, in addition to the up to 750-word essay. Submission video in this and all craft categories is limited to 25 minutes of excerpts from the program or report under consideration.

Statue-eligible: Writers

While writers are also statue-eligible in Program/Segment categories like Social Issue Documentary etc., a writer that wins an Emmy in the Writing: Documentary category cannot also be included in the winning credits for the same story or content in a Program/Segment category. In the case of a win for the same documentary film in both a Writing and a Program/Segment category, the writer will be awarded a statue in the Writing category only.

53. OUTSTANDING RESEARCH: DOCUMENTARY

This category honors individuals engaged in factual and/or archival research for a documentary. Entrants are those engaged in a significant amount of careful investigation and study to discover facts and collect information about a subject, or to locate and acquire audiovisual materials that form the basis of a documentary film program. Submission video in this and all craft categories is limited to 25 minutes of excerpts from the program or report under consideration.

Statue-eligible: Researchers

54. OUTSTANDING DIRECTION: DOCUMENTARY

This category is open to directors of documentary films. Directors are those responsible for bringing to air all the production elements in order to present a finished product. Directors of both short and feature length documentaries are eligible to submit. This category is not open to Assistant Directors or Technical Directors.

Statue-eligible: Directors

While directors are statue-eligible in Program categories like Outstanding Current Affairs Documentary or Outstanding Social Issue Documentary, a director that wins an Emmy in the Direction: Documentary category cannot also be included in the winning credits for the same film in a Program category. In the case of a win for the same film in both a Directing and a Program category, the director will be awarded a statue in the Directing category only.

55. OUTSTANDING CINEMATOGRAPHY: DOCUMENTARY

This category is open to camerawork for documentaries. It is intended for those who actually record on film or videotape events, interviews, and other visuals which comprise a documentary. The cinematographer is the person actually operating and guiding the camera, whether working independently or under the direction of a producer or director. Both short and feature length documentaries should submit to this category. Submission video in this and all craft categories is limited to 25 minutes of excerpts from the program or report under consideration.

Statue-eligible: Cameraperson, Cinematographer, Director of Photography.

Note: Camerapersons and Cinematographers are also considered statue eligible in Program categories. However, a cinematographer can only win a single statue for the same work. In the case of a cinematographer winning in the Cinematography: Documentary category for a story or report that also wins in a Program category like Current Affairs Documentary, the cinematographer will be awarded a statue in the Outstanding Cinematography: Documentary category only.

56. OUTSTANDING EDITING: DOCUMENTARY

This category is open to editing for documentaries. Editors are those individuals responsible for editing digital media, videotape and film to produce a finished documentary. Both short and feature length documentaries should submit to this category. Submission video in this and all craft categories is limited to 25 minutes of excerpts from the program or report under consideration.

Statue-eligible: Editor.

Note: Editors are also considered statue eligible in Program categories. However, an editor can only win a single statue for the same work. In the case of an editor winning in Editing: Documentary for a story or report that also wins in a Program category like Current Affairs Documentary, the editor will be awarded a statue in the Outstanding Editing: Documentary category only.

57. OUTSTANDING GRAPHIC DESIGN AND ART DIRECTION: DOCUMENTARY

This category is open to Art Directors & Graphic Designers for documentaries. Art Directors are those with the overall creative responsibility for the development and supervision of graphic elements in documentaries. Graphic Designers include artists and designers who create electronic graphics, graphics illustrators, electronic and film animators, and artists and designers who employ electronic devices, as well as traditional artistic tools, to develop graphic elements for documentaries. These include, but are not limited to: opens, teases, title sequences, and other graphic elements for documentaries; motion graphics that work in tandem with live action elements to create a cohesive visual story for a documentary; visual effects utilizing 3D modeling, motion tracking, augmented reality and other techniques. The material submitted must be new material for 2021. Submission video in this and all craft categories is limited to 25 minutes of excerpts from the program or report under consideration.

Statue-eligible: Graphic Designers and Art Directors and derivative positions on a case-by-case basis.

CRAFT ACHIEVEMENT NEWS & DOCUMENTARY

58. OUTSTANDING MUSIC COMPOSITION

This category is open to original compositions for documentary films and news broadcasts. Composers are eligible to submit. All music must be new and original for 2021 and must be composed specifically for the program by the submitting composer. Submission video in this and all craft categories is limited to 25 minutes of excerpts from the program or report under consideration. Note: All submissions in this category MUST include a genuine stereo mix, NOT a dual channel mono mix.

Statue-eligible: Composer.

59. OUTSTANDING SOUND

This category is open to individuals who make a significant contribution to the audio portion of a news or documentary program, one that enhances viewer understanding or appreciation of the telecast. Eligible disciplines include sound recording, sound editing, sound design and sound mixing. Submission video in this and all craft categories is limited to 25 minutes of excerpts from the program or report under consideration. Note: All submissions in this category MUST include a genuine stereo mix, NOT a dual channel mono mix.

Statue-eligible: Sound Recordist, Sound Mixer, Sound Editor, Sound Designer.

60. OUTSTANDING LIGHTING DIRECTION AND SCENIC DESIGN

This category is open to individuals who make a significant contribution to the lighting and/or scenic design of a news broadcast or documentary program. Lighting Directors are those responsible for the creative direction of the lighting of a studio or remote site. Scenic Designers are responsible for the design and placement of scenery and scenic elements in the studio or field. Statue eligible individuals are those that play a significant role in conceptualizing and /or executing the lighting direction and/or scenic design, as opposed to executives who oversee or approve the work. The material submitted must be new material for 2021. Submission video in this and all craft categories is limited to 25 minutes of excerpts from the program or report under consideration.

Statue-eligible: Lighting Director, Scenic Designer, and derivative positions on a case-by-case basis.

SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS FOR CRAFT CATEGORIES 46-60

- Submissions must be devoted to a single story, subject or theme. While body of work submissions are prohibited, excerpts from a variety of news reports on a given topic or theme (for example a series of reports on the refugee crisis submitted by a news cameraman in Video Journalism: News), or from an ongoing franchise or regularly occurring segment in a newscast (for example a series of commentaries submitted to the Writing category) may be eligible and will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis. Documentary craft submissions must be drawn from a single documentary film (note: a multipart film on a single subject qualifies as a single film).

NOTE: See the definition of category 48/Direction: News for an exception to this rule in that category only.

- Team entries are allowed provided the team of craft persons are co-creators of a single product (for example a team of researchers who collect information that forms the basis of a documentary). However, one cannot simultaneously enter as an individual for the same work done as part of a team entry. Double Entry is not permitted.
- An individual may enter more than one Craft Achievement area. If an individual works in different disciplines (i.e. as a writer and a researcher), he or she may enter in those separate disciplines.
- Maximum running time for Craft Achievement submission videos is 25 minutes. Submission videos for programs running longer than 25 minutes must include excerpts demonstrating the Emmy- worthiness of the craft under consideration. There is no segment limit in categories 46-60. Entries may include as many as-aired segments or excerpts as necessary to demonstrate excellence, provided the running time of the submission does not exceed 25 minutes. No internal editing within segments or excerpts is allowed.
- Each entry must include an essay of up to 750 words explaining why it is Emmy® - worthy (see [page 58](#) for essay instructions).
- Writing Entries: Entrants in the Writing categories (categories 46 and 52) must submit one copy of the script for the program or story submitted, in addition to the essay and submission video.

- Submission video: Upload your submission video to the Media page of the submission site at news.theemmys.tv. Important: Be sure to follow the video specifications on [page 62-63](#) of the rulebook when preparing your video. Remove all commercials from submission video.
- Promotional Announcements that promote or advertise a news or documentary broadcast are not eligible for submission to the craft categories. Promos are eligible in category 58/Outstanding Promotional Announcement.
- National telecasts (over-the-air, cable and satellite broadcasts etc.) and online/digital/VOD programming are eligible for submission.

TECHNICAL ACHIEVEMENT

61. OUTSTANDING TECHNICAL ACHIEVEMENT: NEWS

This category rewards excellence in technical achievement for news broadcasts. It is open to individuals and teams that make a significant contribution to the technical portion of news broadcasts. The focus in this category is on how broadcast technicians skillfully and creatively use the tools available to them to overcome technical challenges and bring a news broadcast or news coverage to air. Submissions should focus on the excellence of the technical execution as well as the technical challenges telecasters or news organizations faced during the eligibility year (2021), and the solutions developed to overcome them.

Eligible submissions can originate from regularly scheduled news broadcasts (newscasts, news magazines, morning shows etc.) as well as live coverage and news specials. Entries can focus on coverage of a particular event (live coverage of a breaking event, for example, or planned coverage of an anticipated event like an election etc.); Coverage of a particular story (an ongoing series of investigative reports on a single topic); or a particular broadcast of a regularly scheduled show (the Jan 10 episode of Show X presented particular challenges and/or was particularly skillfully executed etc.).

Statue-eligible: Technical Supervisors, Technical Directors, Electronic Camera Persons, Video Engineers, Graphics Operators, Senior Audio Engineers, Audio Engineers, Senior Maintenance Engineers, Broadcast Media Manager/Network Engineers. Other mission critical and/or derivative technical positions that make a significant contribution to the technical achievement may be considered on a case-by-case basis.

SUBMISSION MATERIALS

- a. An up to 25-minute video showcasing the technical achievement. The submission video may include an explanatory, “behind the scenes” excerpt of no more than 5 continuous minutes. The explanatory video cannot be the only video excerpt submitted with the entry. Actual news coverage as aired illustrating the technical achievement must be included in the video submission. There is no limit to the number of excerpts that may be included to illustrate the technical achievement. The total running time of the submission video, including the “behind the scenes” excerpt and the as-aired footage showcasing the technical achievement, should not exceed 25 minutes.
- b. An essay of up to up to 750 words describing the technical achievement and explaining why it is Emmy worthy.

PROMOTIONAL ANNOUNCEMENT

- This category recognizes outstanding achievement in promotional announcements for news & documentary broadcasts.
- National telecasts (over-the-air, cable and satellite broadcasts etc.) and online/digital/VOD programming are eligible for submission.
- Submission video: Upload your submission video to the Media page of the submission site at news.theemmys.tv. Important: Be sure to follow the video specifications on [page 62-63](#) of the rulebook when preparing your video. Remove all commercials from submission video.
- Essay: Each entry must include an essay of up to 750 words explaining why the promo or campaign is Emmy®-worthy. Your essay should address the following issues:
 1. Concept: What is the core message of the promo or campaign and how does it deliver that message? How does the promo “sell” the news or documentary broadcast without misrepresenting the facts of the story underlying it?
 2. Effectiveness/Impact: Describe the way the promo/campaign seeks to grab the viewer’s attention and motivate him or her to tune in.
 3. Execution: Describe the creative and innovative ways that the production elements— graphics, music, editing, script—are brought together to convey the core message of the spot or campaign.
- Statue-eligible: Executive Producers, Senior Producers, Coordinating Producers, Supervising Producers, Producers, Associate Producer, Directors, Art Directors, Editors, Camera Persons, Writers, Music Directors, Composers of original music for a promo, Audio Engineers, Graphic Designers, Production Designers, Creative Directors and some derivative job titles, provided their role was more than supervisory and that they made a substantial creative contribution to the content of the promotional announcement or campaign. Titles such as VP Brand Marketing etc. may be eligible on a case by case basis. All titles are subject to review.

62. OUTSTANDING PROMOTIONAL ANNOUNCEMENT

- This category is for entries that advertise and promote, through an individual spot and/or overall campaign, the brand/image of a network news division, cable news channel and/or individual news or documentary program or series (CNN, HBO, FRONTLINE, POV, Dateline, 60 Minutes, Nightline etc.), or the storyline or content of a particular telecast. If a promotional campaign is entered, no spots from that campaign can also be entered individually.
- Each entry may be for a single production or selections from a campaign. Each campaign may be represented by a composite of no more than seven (7) spots which were originally shown during the eligibility year.
- Individual promotional spots with a total running time of over 180 seconds will be reviewed by NATAS staff for eligibility.
- Dip to black between all spots or campaign segments.
- No internal editing for the enhancement of the submission is allowed.

REGIONAL PROGRAMMING

These categories are reserved for spot/breaking news and investigative reports that have been awarded regional Emmy® awards by regional NATAS chapters in the most recent awards cycle. Honorees in the Outstanding Regional News Story categories receive a crystal pillar featuring the Golden Emmy® figure, rather than an Emmy® statue. Awards presented in these categories are not Emmy Awards, but rather are a form of special national recognition given to outstanding regional news reports.

Awards will be presented in the following categories:

63. OUTSTANDING REGIONAL NEWS STORY: BREAKING OR SPOT NEWS

64. OUTSTANDING REGIONAL NEWS STORY INVESTIGATIVE REPORT

Honorees in the regional Emmy® categories for Breaking or Spot News and for Investigative reporting are eligible to advance to the national Breaking/Spot or Investigative categories.

The deadline for Regional submissions is: June 1, 2022. Any regional Spot/Breaking or Investigative Emmy® award recipient honored by a NATAS chapter after June 1, 2022 will be eligible to submit in the 2023 National News & Documentary Emmy® Awards cycle. There is no entry fee for regional submissions.

In order to be eligible an entry must have received a regional Emmy® award in a NATAS chapter's most recent award cycle in either the Breaking or Spot News or Investigative Reporting categories. Regional categories for single and multiple stories are eligible, as are Spanish language versions of these categories.

- Entrants must provide all information requested during the online submission process at news.theemmys.tv. Note: Credits must match those submitted for the original regional submission. No additional credits may be added.
- Submission video: Upload your submission video to the Media page of the submission site at news.theemmys.tv. Important: Be sure to follow the video specifications on [page 62-63](#) of the rulebook when preparing your video. Remove all commercials from submission video.

- An essay of up to 750 words explaining why the entry is Emmy® -worthy is required. Your description should include:
 1. A clear explanation of the editorial and production goals of the piece.
 2. Reportorial and creative techniques used to achieve these goals.
 3. Importance of the subject matter.
 4. Impact of the program, story or report.