

2023 Texas Better Newspaper Contest

The Texas Better Newspaper Contest is an annual competition sponsored by the Texas Press Association to recognize Texas newspapers for excellence in journalism and outstanding service to their communities.

With the contest's return to calendar year competition, the 2023 contest period is Jan. 1 - Dec. 31, 2023. Awards will be presented at the TPA Convention and Trade Show, June 20-22, 2024, in College Station.

ELIGIBILITY

Members in good standing (2024 dues paid) who were also members throughout the contest period, the 2023 calendar year, are eligible to enter the contest.

Entries are made by member newspapers, not individuals. Each newspaper should have a contest manager who is responsible for uploading content and who will serve as the primary contact for the newspaper. Content submitted for competition should have been produced by full- or part-time members of the newspaper staff.

- Note: Newspapers may submit content produced by local freelancers or contributors provided the newspaper paid to have the content created and the content was created predominantly for the newspaper submitting the entry.

Syndicated or wire service content is not eligible for submission.

CONTEST PERIOD - Jan. 1 through Dec. 31, 2023

With the exception of Best Website and Online Live Coverage categories, all entries must have been originally published in the newspaper's print or digital replica (eEdition) during the contest period.

ENTRY PERIOD: Monday, Jan. 22, through Tuesday, Feb. 20, 2024 on the ACES contest platform, www.newspapercontest.com/Texas **NOTE: The Association code is TXPRESS**

DEADLINE: Tuesday, Feb. 20, 2024

All entries must be submitted via the ACES online platform, www.newspapercontest.com/texas, before 10 p.m., Tuesday, Feb. 20, 2024. The platform will automatically close the contest to entries at deadline.

NOTE: *Each newspaper is encouraged to log onto the online contest platform at least two weeks before the deadline to ensure any challenges are resolved in advance. All registrations are new and contest managers will set their own new passwords. Instructions will be on the site. As noted above, the Association Code for registration on the ACES contest site is TXPRESS.*

FEES

The fee for each category entered is \$10. The contest platform will enable contest managers to print an invoice to pay by check or to pay online with a credit card.

**NOTE: Fees must be paid by Feb. 28 or entries will be disqualified.*

AWARDS

Newspapers that have won awards will be notified by email in May, without specific information as to the award(s) won.

Contest results will be announced at the annual contest awards luncheon on June 22 at the conclusion of the 2024 TPA Convention & Trade Show at the Hilton College Station Conference Center & Hotel. A condensed copy of the contest results will be available at the conclusion of the awards ceremony. The complete Winners Circle publication will be online at www.texaspress.com after the luncheon.

• Competition Class Winners

First place winners receive plaques. In addition, award certificates will be presented to first, second, third and fourth place winners.