

ATTENTION MICHIGAN JOURNALISTS:

If this is the year your work makes a difference in your community or in this state, you could be the Michigan Journalist of the Year for 2018.



The Michigan Press Association Foundation is seeking entries for its fifth annual Michigan Journalist of the Year competition. The contest is open to all professional journalists in Michigan. The winner, to be announced in January 2019, will receive a \$1,000 award.

The award is an outgrowth of the MPA Foundation's commitment to encourage and support professional journalism across Michigan and recognize work of impact at the community or state level.

Richard Milliman was inducted into the Michigan Journalism Hall of Fame in 1994 following a career that spanned more than 60 years in state newspapers. He was a reporter, writer, editor, manager or owner and publisher at more than 40 Michigan newspapers. In 1980, Milliman was a leader in establishing the Michigan Press Association Foundation to promote, protect and encourage journalism in Michigan.

The award will honor an individual journalist whose work had a significant impact, locally or statewide. Journalists may submit a body of work or a one-time effort that was published, broadcast, posted or otherwise carried on a Michigan news outlet from Oct. 1, 2017, through Sept. 30, 2018. For this competition, a "body of work" may comprise up to six examples of the journalist's work during the contest period. Each entry must include a cover letter of up to 300 words highlighting the quality and impact of the journalist's work. Entries may include supporting material to show how the journalist's work made a difference in the community or across Michigan.

The deadline for entries is Nov. 5, 2018.

The winner will be announced January 31, 2019, during the annual Michigan Press Association convention in Grand Rapids.

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Entries may come from news outlets, individual journalists or others acting on their behalf.

Entries will be judge by a panel representative of journalism professionals, educators and the MPA Foundation board.

The Michigan Press Association Foundation was created in 1980 to further the interests of community journalism in Michigan. The Foundation's mission includes serving the public interest by encouraging, fostering and aiding improvements in the quality, vigor and fairness of journalism and a free press in the State of Michigan.

The Foundation has invested more than \$330,000 in Michigan journalism since 1990, including the award of nearly 300 scholarships to college-level journalism students. [Learn more about the MPA Foundation at michiganpress.org/foundation.](http://michiganpress.org/foundation)

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