

## THE JERRY THOMPSON MEMORIAL AWARD

### \$2,000 CASH PRIZE

The sixth annual Jerry Thompson Memorial Award will be presented at the 73<sup>rd</sup> annual Radio & Television Congressional Correspondents' dinner on October 25, 2017 at the National Building Museum. The \$2,000 award honors the memory of the late Jerry Thompson, photojournalist at CNN, and was established in 2012 by the RTCA Executive Committee.

### ENTRY RULES:

1. The award is open to any news organization accredited in the Congressional Radio & Television Correspondents Galleries.
2. The nominee must have a minimum of 15 years of service in the profession. The years of service can be with multiple organizations.
3. Candidates will be nominated by the organization's bureau chief or equivalent position.
4. The nominee should embody the standards and qualities of CNN photojournalist Jerry Thompson and his 25-year career of photojournalism excellence. The ideal candidate is: selfless, a willing teacher and mentor, consistently reaches above and beyond expectations, a model employee and, most importantly, always a friend to all. Jerry contributed to the growth and success of CNN by selflessly applying his craft to uphold the public's right to know.
5. Nominees may be videographers, soundpersons, lighting or microwave/satellite technicians. Nominees currently employed or retired will be considered for the award.
6. The RTCA does not necessarily select a winner for each award every year. We will choose an honoree only if there is an exceptional candidate who meets the award criteria.
7. DEADLINE FOR ENTRIES: 5:00 PM on FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 2017.

Entries will be judged by a panel of 3 distinguished journalists selected by the Radio & Television Correspondents' Association.

For questions or clarifications, please contact Mike\_Mastrian@saa.senate.gov.

### ENTRY FOR THE JERRY THOMPSON MEMORIAL AWARD (FOOTAGE MUST BE SUBMITTED ON CD, DVD or VIA ONLINE LINK)

#### Name of nominee:

*\*If nominee is deceased, please provide family contact information, if available.*

#### Years of service:

#### News organization:

Organization contact (name, phone):

Nominating petitioner (name, title):

**Description of qualifications:** Please submit a written statement of how this person qualifies for the Jerry Thompson award.

**Representation of work:** Please include footage representing your nominee's body of work. Footage must be submitted as a DVD, CD or as a web link. Any web link that is not active at the deadline or on the day of judging will be considered ineligible.

### PLEASE HAND DELIVER or E-MAIL ENTRIES BY 5:00 PM on FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 2017 to:

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