

NYSBA AWARDS CATEGORIES

COLLEGE DIVISION TELEVISION

We will be hosting a separate contest for college TV stations. Entries are limited to TV stations that are affiliated with a college or university in New York State. *All entries must be entirely the work of an undergraduate or graduate student enrolled at a college or university.* Entries will compete against other colleges and universities throughout New York State.

Traditional Television Broadcasts

CTV-1 Commercial

Best station locally produced commercial on behalf of an advertiser.

CTV-2 Promotional Announcement or Series

Best single or series of local promotional spots on a single topic.

CTV-3 Public Service Announcement/Campaign

Best station originated local public service campaign.

CTV-4 Public Affairs Program or Series

Best locally produced public affairs program or series.

CTV-5 Spot News

A single report or series of reports on a breaking or unplanned local news event.

CTV-6 Hard News Story

A single report taking on a serious local incident or issue.

CTV-7 Feature News Story

A single local report serving as relief or contrast to serious reporting — human interest, subject portrayal, creative writing, entertainment value, effective use of video and audio.

CTV-8 Use of Local News Video

Best visually compelling station captured video judged on how it's used to enhance storytelling.

CTV-9 Series or Documentary

Best series of local reports or documentary on a single topic.

CTV-10 Live On-Scene Reporting

Best single or series of live, local on location reports by a single reporter.

CTV-11 Sportscast

Single best regularly scheduled local sportscast to be judged on sports content, flow, quality of overall presentation.

CTV-12 Specialty Programming

Special station produced local broadcast, different from regularly scheduled newscast.

CTV-13 Evening Newscast

Single best regularly scheduled local evening newscast to be judged on news content, flow, quality of overall presentation.

CTV-14 Morning Newscast

Single best regularly scheduled local morning newscast to be judged on news content, flow, quality of overall presentation.

CTV-15 Weathercast

Single best regularly scheduled local weathercast to be judged on scientific knowledge, viewer benefit, quality of overall presentation.

CTV-16 Election Coverage

Best in-depth coverage of a federal, state or local election.

Social & Digital Media

CTV-17 Best Use of Digital Platforms

Compelling, visually appealing, relevant local content that connects with audience. Entry may include URLs, screen shots, podcasts or a PDF description.

CTV-18 Best Use of User-Generated Content

Best use of locally collected content submitted by audience. Entry may include URLs, screen shots, podcasts or a PDF description.

CTV-19 Best Personality

Local television personality with best presence on social media. Judged on quality of content, audience engagement and frequency of posts. Entry may include URLs, screen shots, podcasts or a PDF description.

CTV-20 Podcast

Most compelling locally produced digital audio, video or Internet series to be judged on quality of content, creativity and production value.

CTV-21 Breaking News Coverage

Best use of social and digital media in breaking local news coverage. Entry may include URLs, screen shots, podcasts or a PDF description.

CTV-22 Best Classroom Digital Project

Many students prepare podcasts and steaming projects for classes that are never streamed or broadcast. This category focuses on the best podcast or use of the digital medium for a class project, even if it was not streamed or broadcast.

NOTE: WHILE ENTRIES MAY INVOLVE A PROGRAM OF ANY DURATION, THE ACTUAL SEGMENT SUBMITTED MAY NOT EXCEED 5 MINUTES.