

Awards of Excellence Voting Procedures

The Dallas Area Alliance for Women in Media wishes to recognize DFW media professionals for their outstanding achievements and service in the previous year, 2014.

Nominations and Voting:

Only one vote is allowed per category.

Every category does not have to be filled out in order for the ballot to be valid.

Only ONE ballot per user will be allowed and personal information will be retrieved for tracking purposes.

Previous year's Awards of Excellence Winners are NOT ELIGIBLE for nominations in any category and are listed under each category they won. Any votes for these individuals will be EXCLUDED ON FINAL COUNT.

Procedures:

1. Nomination Ballots are emailed out to the entire Dallas/Fort Worth AWM database.

The 5 individuals receiving the greatest number of nominations in each category will be designated as the nominees.

2. A questionnaire is sent to the nominees, whose answers will demonstrate their accomplishments, contributions and service to the DFW media community.

A panel of judges outside the DFW area (most recently Austin and Houston AWM board members) review and vote on the questionnaires in each category as a part of the final voting process. Each judge votes by secret ballot and the name of the nominee does not appear on the questionnaire.

3. The final step of the selection process is the AWM MEMBERS ONLY ballot. All Dallas Area AWM members are emailed a second ballot with the nominees for each category listed.

4. To determine the final honoree, the "member vote", the judges' vote and the initial nomination round are weighted. The nomination round will represent 35%, the judges' vote as determined by the essay submissions will be weighted at 45% and the "member vote" will account for 20% of the final vote.

The Awards of Excellence recipients will be unknown until the night of the event.

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