

FAQs

Humanitarian Storytelling Award supported by the ICRC

How do I submit an entry?

Entries must be submitted through the online entry form.

What do I need to get ready before submitting my entry?

You'll need information such as your contact details and the details of your entry – the title of the piece, the program, digital platform or publication it appeared in, the date of broadcast/publication, and the piece's duration.

How long does the online entry process take?

You should allow approximately 20-30 minutes to complete the online entry form. If you do not receive a confirmation email after pressing submit your entry has not gone through. Do not leave it to the last day to make your entry, as high demand on the website can lead to the process taking much longer.

When must be work have been produced?

All entries must have been published, broadcast or televised in Australia from April 27, 2020, to April 26, 2021.

When is the closing date for entries?

Entries close at midnight on Monday, April 26, 2021.

Is there a fee for entering the Humanitarian Reporting Award?

Entry is free for members of MEAA. The cost of entering for non-members is \$50 including GST. Inquiries about MEAA membership please contact members@meaa.org for further details.

How many entries can I submit?

- Each entrant may enter only once the exception is with joint, group or team entries. In this instance, you may submit up to two entries. That is: one single entry and one joint or team entry, or two joint or team entries (teams must be different).
- Joint or group entries may include up to five names, with one person nominated as the primary contact.
- Team entries may include any number of people with the name of the team clearly stated. One person will be the primary contact for this entry, but all names, positions and membership details should be submitted on a separate piece of paper attached to the numbered entry form when submitted with the entry.

Do I have to include an Entry Statement?

Yes – entrants must include a statement (up to 400 words) to accompany their piece. This may include the aims of the piece, how/why it was developed, its impacts, and/or anything else you feel is relevant for the judges to consider.

I want to submit URL links to my work

To facilitate easy access for judging, entrants should place URLs outside any paywall. If that proves infeasible, the entry should provide a username and password for judges, plainly indicated in the supporting statement.

Do I need to have the entry form authorised?

Yes, for copyright and authorisation reasons we require a declaration from your employer or commissioning company to submit your work for the awards. Once your entry is submitted online, an automated email will be sent to your Editor/Employer to authorise your entry.

I'm self-published, how can I have my work verified?

Self-published entrants should provide relevant URL links and where possible, verification of the work's authenticity. If you are verifying your own work you must make this clear to the judges in your supporting statement.

What do I need to do if my work has been challenged?

All entries must declare any legal complaints, defamation actions, contempt of court actions, suppression orders, challenges to the accuracy, corrections or claims of plagiarism, relevant to the work at the time of entry. This does not disqualify the entry but is important for the judging process that this is declared

What if there was a payment made to obtain part of the work?

Entrants must declare if the creation of the work involved payment for information or an interview.

How is the Humanitarian Storytelling Award judged?

The entries are judged on journalistic merit. Judges will be looking for work that seeks to elevate the unheard stories of communities affected by armed conflict and other forms of violence. The judging panels are created to reflect the diversity of topic, medium and style being reviewed.

Who is the ICRC?

The International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) is a neutral, impartial and independent, humanitarian organisation that works in more than 90 countries and is based in Geneva, Switzerland. We help people affected by armed conflict and other violence, doing everything we can to protect lives, well-being and dignity, and to relieve suffering, often together with our Red Cross and Red Crescent partners.

When will the winner be announced?

The winner will be announced on June 16, 2021, at the Walkley Mid-Year Celebration of Journalism in Sydney.