



TAB Salutes 2026 News Award Winners and Finalists

Broadcasters from all over Texas will come to Austin on Saturday, April 11 to celebrate the winners of TAB's Fifth Annual Texas Broadcast News Awards.

Winners and Finalists are listed below. Winners (in blue) will be announced on-site. If no winner is listed – that means, there were no entries or the judges declared no winner.

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WINNERS Radio-Large (DFW, HOU, SA, AUS)		
Category	Station	Entry Title
Documentary	KUT Austin	The Disconnect: The Long Con
Original Digital Content	KUT Austin	KUT Explainers
Use of Actuality-Production	KERA Dallas-Fort Worth	Texas Shrimping Industry
Political Issues Coverage	KUT Austin	Texas Redistricting Frenzy
Election Results Coverage	KUT Austin	Texas Standard: Nov. 5, 2025
Sports Story / Series	Texas Public Radio	After the Flood: Football Helps Heal



FINALISTS Radio-Large (DFW, HOU, SA, AUS)		
Category	Station	Entry Title
Best Local Talk Show	KUHF Houston	Houston Matters: Remembering Sylvester Turner
	Texas Public Radio	The Source
	KUT Austin	Texas Standard: For Texas Kids
Feature (Light)	KUT Austin	Tribute Album Helps Save Mexia
	Texas Public Radio	Unwrapping Temaladas
	Texas Public Radio	Folklorico “Golden Girls”
Feature (Serious)	KUHF Houston	Critics Argue Court Ruling Jeopardizes Election Integrity
	KERA Dallas-Fort Worth	Denton Woman Saves Cemetery
	KUT Austin	Stuffed Animals/Flood Ravaged Texas
Multimedia / Digital Storytelling	KUT Austin	ACL Fest
	KUT Austin	Rap to the Ranch
Breaking News	WBAP Dallas-Fort Worth	Sniper Attack at ICE Facility
	KRLD Dallas-Fort Worth	Wilmer Hutchins School Shooting
	Texas Public Radio	Hill Country Floods July 4th
Continuing Coverage	Texas Public Radio	July 4 th Hill Country Floods
	KUT Austin	Texas Floods
	WBAP Dallas-Fort Worth	Sniper Attack at ICE Facility
	KRLD Dallas-Fort Worth	Texas Hill Country Flooding
Investigative Report	KUT Austin	Gov. Abbott/Elon Musk Emails
	KUT Austin	Wealthy Families: In-State Tuition
	Texas Public Radio	Our Lady of the Lake Students Unable to Complete Degrees
General Assignment	KERA Dallas-Fort Worth	Dallas ICE Shooting Victims Forgotten
	Texas Public Radio	Flea-Born Typhus Making a Comeback
	KUT Austin	Huston-Tillotson Jazz Band Rebirth
Specialty / Beat Reporting	KUT Austin	Sarah Asch Adult Education
	KUT Austin	Transportation Beat
	Texas Public Radio	Camille Phillips



Reporter	Texas Public Radio	David Martin Davies
	KUT Austin	Nathan Bernier
	KRLD Dallas-Fort Worth	Eric Bushman
News Anchor / Anchor Team	KRLD Dallas-Fort Worth	Morning News
	KRLD Dallas-Fort Worth	Afternoon News
	KUT Austin	David Brown & Laura Rice
Newscast	WBAP Dallas-Fort Worth	Newscast
	KRLD Dallas-Fort Worth	Morning News July 10, 7 AM
	KRLD Dallas-Fort Worth	Afternoon News April 15, 5:30 PM
Overall Texas Broadcast Excellence	KUT Austin KRLD Dallas-Fort Worth KSTX Texas Public Radio	



WINNERS Radio-Other (All Other Markets)

Category	Station	Entry Title
Documentary	KVLU Beaumont	Bayoulands: St. Mark's Organ Restoration
Original Digital Content	KMHT Marshall	Adoptable Pet Series
Use of Actuality-Production	KTBB Tyler-Longview	KTBB Morning Trivia
Political Issues Coverage	KETR Commerce	State and Federal Policy Decisions Shaping Life in Northeast Texas
Election Results Coverage	KTBB Tyler-Longview	2025 Election Night Coverage
Sports Play-by-Play	KTBB Tyler-Longview	TJC vs Navarro Basketball
Sports Story / Series	KETR Commerce	ETAMU Lions Football D1 Transition
Sports Talk Show	KTBB Tyler-Longview	SportsTalk
Sportscast	KTTU-FM Lubbock	Clint Scott Sportscenter



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Best Local Talk Show	Bryan Broadcasting	WTAW The Infomaniacs
	KTBB Tyler-Longview	In Focus
	KMHT Marshall	Talk of East Texas
Feature (Light)	KTTZ-FM Lubbock	Biodiversity: Regional Plants
	KTTZ-FM Lubbock	Historic Theater Restoration in Levelland
Feature (Serious)	KMHT Marshall	Drone Show Accident
	KTTZ-FM Lubbock	Lubbock ISD Bond Vote
	KTTZ-FM Lubbock	Joe Ely Global Impact
Multimedia / Digital Storytelling	KTBB Tyler-Longview	2025 Papal Conclave Coverage from Rome
Breaking News	Bryan Broadcasting	Harvey Washbangers Fire
	KTBB Tyler-Longview	2025 Papal Conclave Coverage from Rome
	KMHT Marshall	November Flash Flooding/Roof Collapse
Continuing Coverage	KTBB Tyler-Longview	2025 Papal Conclave Coverage from Rome
	KTTZ-FM Lubbock	West Texas Measles Outbreak
	Bryan Broadcasting	Resignation of Texas A&M's President
Investigative Report	KMHT Marshall	Drone Show Accident
	KMHT Marshall	Northeast Texas Muni Water District
	KETR Commerce	Commerce & Quinlan Emergency Room Visits
General Assignment	KMHT Marshall	Fire Rescues: January 15
	KTBB Tyler-Longview	2025 Papal Conclave Coverage from Rome
	KTTZ-FM Lubbock	Texas Tech Substation Explosion
Specialty / Beat Reporting	KTTZ-FM Lubbock	Lubbock City Government
	KMHT Marshall	Police & Fire Beat
	KTFB-LP Waco	Texas Ag News & Markets
Reporter	KTTZ-FM Lubbock	Bishop Van Buren
	KTTZ-FM Lubbock	Brad Burt
	Bryan Broadcasting	Bill Oliver



News Anchor / Anchor Team	Bryan Broadcasting	Bill Oliver
Newscast	Bryan Broadcasting	Jan. 14, 5:05 PM
	KTBB Tyler-Longview	Morning News
	KTBB Tyler-Longview	Evening News
Overall Texas Broadcast Excellence	Bryan Broadcasting KETR Commerce KMHT Marshall KTBB Tyler-Longview	



WINNERS TV-Large (DFW, HOU, SA, AUS)

Category	Station	Entry Title
Documentary / TV Special	KXAN-TV Austin	Family Beef
Original Digital Content	KWEX-TV San Antonio	100 Dias de Trump
Feature Editing / General News	KENS-TV San Antonio	The Art of Healing
Deadline Editing / General News	KHOU-TV Houston	We've Found a Solution
Political Issues Coverage	KWEX-TV San Antonio	Redibujando el Poder: Cuando el Mapa Cambia el Voto
Election Results Coverage	KWEX-TV San Antonio	Rumbo a la Alcaldía en S.A.
Sports Story	KTVT-TV Dallas-Fort Worth	Heart of a Paralympian
Sports Special	KSAT-TV San Antonio	MNF Pre-Game Special
Sports Anchor / Anchor Team	KEYE-TV Austin	Bob Ballou Sports
Individual Photojournalism	KSAT-TV San Antonio	Azian Bermea
Station Photojournalism	KXAN-TV Austin	KXAN News
Weather Anchor	KEYE-TV Austin	Avery Tomasco
Weathercast / Best Weather Coverage	KEYE-TV Austin	On the Edge of a Winter Wonderland



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Feature (Light)	KLRU-TV Austin	Residents Worried About ICE
	KSAT-TV San Antonio	VIA Roadeo Celebrity Bus Operator Competition
	KTBC-TV Austin	Aggie & Longhorn Class Rings Found in Lake Travis
Feature (Serious)	KENS-TV San Antonio	The Art of Healing
	KVDA-TV San Antonio	Bajo Mi Propia Piel
	KLRU-TV Austin	72 Hours Without SNAP
Multimedia / Digital Storytelling	KSAT-TV San Antonio	From Bucket to Bay
	KXLN-TV Houston	Legado Tóxico
	KXAN-TV Austin	Undocumented: Texas' Immigration Impact in a New Trump Era
Breaking News	KEYE-TV Austin	Deadly Target Shooting
	KENS-TV San Antonio	And the Rains Came
	KSAT-TV San Antonio	Hill Country Floods
Continuing Coverage	KPRC-TV Houston	Truancy in Texas
	KVUE-TV Austin	Missed Deadlines: Failures in Travis County DA's Office
	KENS-TV San Antonio	Deadly Hill Country Flooding
Investigative Report	KSAT-TV San Antonio	Brown Water Investigation Leads to New Laws
	KSAT-TV San Antonio	City-Funded Home Repairs Program Under Scrutiny
	KVUE-TV Austin	Trust Betrayed



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General Assignment	KVUE-TV Austin	Rosedale Sinkhole
	KVDA-TV San Antonio	La Lucha de una Batalla
	KHOU-TV Houston	Wrong Man Detained
Specialty / Beat Reporting	KHOU-TV Houston	Jeremy Rogalski – KHOU 11 Investigates
	KEYE-TV Austin	Tech This Out
	KTBC-TV Austin	Meredith Aldis – Crimewatch
Multimedia Journalist	KTVT-TV Dallas-Fort Worth	Dawn White: One-Woman Band
Reporter	KVUE-TV Austin	Tony Plohetski: News Never Stops
	KSAT-TV San Antonio	Zaria Oates
	KHOU-TV Houston	Marcelino Benito Reports
News Anchor / Anchor Team	KWEX-TV San Antonio	Anchor Team Covering Texas Floods
	KTBC-TV Austin	Anchor Tierra Neubaum
	KEYE-TV Austin	Walt Maciborski
Morning / Mid-Day Newscast	KSAT-TV San Antonio	Good Morning San Antonio
	KTBC-TV Austin	Good Day Austin: 5-10 AM
	WOAI-TV San Antonio	News Channel 4 Morning News
Evening Newscast	KENS-TV San Antonio	KENS 5 News at 10 PM
	KWEX-TV San Antonio	Noticias Univision 41 at 5 & 10 PM
	KVDA-TV San Antonio	KVDA Telemundo 60
Overall Texas Broadcast Excellence	KVUE-TV Austin KXAN-TV Austin KHOU-TV Houston KENS-TV San Antonio KSAT-TV San Antonio KVDA-TV San Antonio	



WINNERS TV-MEDIUM

Category	Station	Entry Title
Documentary / TV Special	KWKT-TV Waco	Lone Star Echoes: Saigon's Untold Stories
Original Digital Content	KTSM-TV El Paso	Holiday Gift Guide
Feature Editing / General News	KRGV-TV Rio Grande Valley	The Mariachi of the Basilica of Our Lady of San Juan Del Valle
Deadline Editing / General News	KRGV-TV Rio Grande Valley	Flooding Lingers in Lyford After Storm
Political Issues Coverage	KAMR-TV Amarillo	The Fermi Proposal
Election Results Coverage	KTSM-TV El Paso	KTSM Your Local Election HQ
Sports Story	KLBK-TV Lubbock	Hope and Legacy
Sports Special	KRGV-TV Rio Grande Valley	Sports Valley HS Football Preview
Sports Anchor / Anchor Team	KAMR-TV Amarillo	Clint Brakebill
Sportscast	KAMR-TV Amarillo	
Sports Reporter	KVEO-TV Rio Grande Valley	Blake Holland
Individual Photojournalism	KRGV-TV Rio Grande Valley	Marco Vecchio
Station Photojournalism	KWTX-TV Waco	KWTX News & Creative Teams
Weather Anchor	KAMR-TV Amarillo	John Harris
Weathercast / Best Weather Coverage	KCBD-TV Lubbock	June 5 th Tornadoes



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Category	Station	Entry Title
Feature (Light)	KRIS-TV Corpus Christi	One of the Only Latina Fishing Captains in South Texas
	KIII-TV Corpus Christi	Dos Culturas, Una Cocina
	KRGV-TV Rio Grande Valley	WesMer Drive-In
Feature (Serious)	KRGV-TV Rio Grande Valley	Family Mourns Father Who Died Rescuing His Children
	KRGV-TV Rio Grande Valley	Firefighter Responds to Brother's Motorcycle Accident
	KLTV-TV Tyler-Longview	"Ugly" Dogs Just Need a Chance
Multimedia / Digital Storytelling	KWTX-TV Waco	A Decade Later: The Twin Peaks Massacre
	KIII-TV Corpus Christi	Water Woes 2025: Will Corpus Christi Run Out of Water
	KFDA-TV Amarillo	Beyond the Blaze
Breaking News	KRIS-TV Corpus Christi	The Coastal Bend on Fire
	KBTX-TV Bryan-College Station	July 4 th Floods
	KLTV-TV Tyler-Longview	Massive Industrial Fire Coverage
Continuing Coverage	KWTX-TV Waco	Deadly Texas Hill Country Floods
	KRIS-TV Corpus Christi	Running Dry: The Coastal Bend's Water Crisis
	KVEO-TV Rio Grande Valley	Progreso: Crime & Corruption
Investigative Report	KCBD-TV Lubbock	Testing Trust
	KVII-TV Amarillo	Police Chief Supports Child Predator
	KBTX-TV Bryan-College Station	Blinn Administrator Out



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General Assignment	KRIS-TV Corpus Christi	Pearl Harbor Hero Finally Comes Home
	KWTX-TV Waco	Restoring Texas History: One Marker at a Time
	KCBD-TV Lubbock	Remembering Keith Williams
Specialty / Beat Reporting	KWTX-TV Waco	Education Reporting
	KVEO-TV Rio Grande Valley	Border Report
	KRIS-TV Corpus Christi	Corpus Christi Asian Culture
Multimedia Journalist	KRIS-TV Corpus Christi	Adam Beam
	KBTX-TV Bryan-College Station	Lillian Kosh
	KBTX-TV Bryan-College Station	Dylan Chryst Watkiss
Reporter	KIII-TV Corpus Christi	Bill Churchwell
	KVEO-TV Rio Grande Valley	Derick Garcia
	KRGV-TV Rio Grande Valley	Sarah Cervera
News Anchor / Anchor Team	KETK-TV Tyler-Longview	KETK Sports Team
	KETK-TV Tyler-Longview	Nolan Hoffman
	KBTX-TV Bryan-College Station	Karla Castillo
Morning / Mid-Day Newscast	KWTX-TV Waco	News 10 at Noon: July 9
	KXXV-TV Waco	Good Morning Texas
	KBTX-TV Bryan-College Station	Brazos Valley This Morning: July 7 th
Evening Newscast	KIII-TV Corpus Christi	3News at 6 PM: March 4 th
	KBTX-TV Bryan-College Station	News 3 at 10: July 6
	KRGV-TV Rio Grande Valley	Channel 5 News at 5: RGV March Floods
Overall Texas Broadcast Excellence	KAMR-TV Amarillo KFDA-TV Amarillo KBTX-TV Bryan-College Station KIII-TV Corpus Christi KRIS-TV Corpus Christi KCBD-TV Lubbock KRGV-TV Rio Grande Valley KVEO-TV Rio Grande Valley KLTV-TV Tyler KWTX-TV Waco KXXV-TV Waco	



WINNERS TV-SMALL		
Category	Station	Entry Title
Documentary / TV Special	KLST/KSAN-TV San Angelo	When Weather Hits Home
Original Digital Content	KJTL-TV Wichita Falls	Texoma Cold Case – Ricky Shawn Miser
Feature Editing / General News	KFDX-TV Wichita Falls	Nexstar Sports Awards Intro
Deadline Editing / General News	KFDX-TV Wichita Falls	Irrigation Canals & History
Political Issues Coverage	KFDX-TV Wichita Falls	Explaining Texas Amendments
Election Results Coverage	KXII-DT Sherman	Texas Election Night Coverage 2025
Sports Story	KLST/KSAN-TV San Angelo	The Gavin Ceniseros MMA Story
Sports Special	KXII-DT Sherman	The Max Blitz: Nov. 7 th
Sports Anchor / Anchor Team	KXII-DT Sherman	David Reed
Sportscast	KFDX-TV Wichita Falls	From the Cowboys to the Courts in Texoma
Sports Reporter	KFDX-TV Wichita Falls	MJ Baird
Individual Photojournalism	KXII-DT Sherman	Drury Vaughan
Station Photojournalism	KXII-DT Sherman	KXII 12 News Staff
Weather Anchor	KFDX-TV Wichita Falls	Michael Bohling
Weathercast / Best Weather Coverage	KFDX-TV Wichita Falls	Michael Bohling



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Category	Station	Entry Title
Feature (Light)	KJTL-TV Wichita Falls	On the Clock – Bee Removal
	KTXS-TV Abilene	Abilene’s Hidden Gem: D&W Underground
	KFDX-TV Wichita Falls	Steve Corbitt Retirement
Feature (Serious)	KFDX-TV Wichita Falls	Iowa Park Honors Legacy of Number 10
	KLST/KSAN-TV San Angelo	Brynne’s Story
	KOSA-TV Odessa-Midland	“Scraps to Scriptures” – A Journey of Redemption
Multimedia / Digital Storytelling	KMID-TV Odessa-Midland	Tesla Shuts Down Veteran’s Car
	KFDX-TV Wichita Falls	Barry Levy OKC Bombing Experience
Breaking News	KXII-DT Sherman	Dallas ICE Shooter’s Texoma Ties
Continuing Coverage	KXII-DT Sherman	Justice for Katie Palmer
	KFDX-TV Wichita Falls	Sikes Senter Mall Development
	KTAB-TV Abilene	Stargate Abilene/AI Data Center
Investigative Report	KOSA-TV Odessa-Midland	Family of Korey Gregory Challenges Pecos Police
	KXII-DT Sherman	In Focus: The Jason Gibson Missing Person Case
	KMID-TV Odessa-Midland	Inside Odessa’s Baby Doe Case



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General Assignment	KJTL-TV Wichita Falls	On the Clock – Beacon Lighthouse for the Blind
	KFDX-TV Wichita Falls	On the Clock with Sanitation Dept.
	KLST/KSAN-TV San Angelo	San Angelo Family Escapes from Floods
Specialty / Beat Reporting	KFDX-TV Wichita Falls	Crimes & Courts
	KMID-TV Odessa-Midland	Powering the Permian
	KMID-TV Odessa-Midland	Basin Business
Multimedia Journalist	KFDX-TV Wichita Falls	Josh Hoggard
	KOSA-TV Odessa-Midland	Lauren Munt
	KLST/KSAN-TV San Angelo	Manny Diaz
Reporter	KFDM-TV Beaumont	Patrina Adger
	KOSA-TV Odessa-Midland	Lauren Munt
News Anchor / Anchor Team	KFDX-TV Wichita Falls	Jalen Wells & Natalie McCain
	KFDM-TV Beaumont	Kimberly Rusley
Morning / Mid-Day Newscast	KOSA-TV Odessa-Midland	Wake Up West Texas
	KXII-DT Sherman	News 12 at 6:30 AM: Aug. 21
Evening Newscast	KFDM-TV Beaumont	KFDM 6 News
	KGNS-TV Laredo	TELENOTICIAS LAREDO A LAS 5 - Jan. 21
	KXII-DT Sherman	KXII 12 News at 6 PM: Oct. 8 th
Overall Texas Broadcast Excellence	KFDX-TV Wichita Falls KXII-TV Sherman	



Finalists (Carole Kneeland Award)	
Station	Entry Title
KUT Austin	Gov. Abbott, Elon Musk Email Release
KVUE-TV Austin	Missed Deadlines: Failures in the Travis County DA's Office
KXAN-TV Austin	Preventing Disaster: An Ongoing Hospital Safety Investigation
KETR Commerce	Emergency Room Closure Justifications in Hunt County
KRIS-TV Corpus Christi	Public Housing, Private Gain