



## 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



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<b>Category</b>	<b>Station</b>	<b>Entry Title</b>
<b>Best Local Talk Show</b>	KUHF Houston	Houston Matters: Remembering Sylvester Turner
	Texas Public Radio	The Source
	KUT Austin	Texas Standard: For Texas Kids
<b>Feature (Light)</b>	KUT Austin	Tribute Album Helps Save Mexia
	Texas Public Radio	Unwrapping Temaladas
	Texas Public Radio	Folklorico “Golden Girls”
<b>Feature (Serious)</b>	KUHF Houston	Critics Argue Court Ruling Jeopardizes Election Integrity
	KERA Dallas-Fort Worth	Denton Woman Saves Cemetery
	KUT Austin	Stuffed Animals/Flood Ravaged Texas
<b>Multimedia / Digital Storytelling</b>	KUT Austin	ACL Fest
	KUT Austin	Rap to the Ranch
<b>Breaking News</b>	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
<b>Continuing Coverage</b>	Texas Public Radio	July 4 <sup>th</sup> Hill Country Floods
	KUT Austin	Texas Floods
	WBAP Dallas-Fort Worth	Sniper Attack at ICE Facility
	KRLD Dallas-Fort Worth	Texas Hill Country Flooding
<b>Investigative Report</b>	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
<b>General Assignment</b>	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
<b>Specialty / Beat Reporting</b>	KUT Austin	Sarah Asch Adult Education
	KUT Austin	Transportation Beat
	Texas Public Radio	Camille Phillips



<b>Reporter</b>	Texas Public Radio	David Martin Davies
	KUT Austin	Nathan Bernier
	KRLD Dallas-Fort Worth	Eric Bushman
<b>News Anchor / Anchor Team</b>	KRLD Dallas-Fort Worth	Morning News
	KRLD Dallas-Fort Worth	Afternoon News
	KUT Austin	David Brown & Laura Rice
<b>Newscast</b>	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
	Texas Public Radio	TPR Morning Edition 6-16-2025
<b>Overall Texas Broadcast Excellence</b>	KUT Austin KRLD Dallas-Fort Worth KSTX Texas Public Radio	



## WINNERS Radio-Other (All Other Markets)

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



## FINALISTS Radio-Other (All Other Markets)

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



<b>News Anchor / Anchor Team</b>	Bryan Broadcasting	Bill Oliver
<b>Newscast</b>	Bryan Broadcasting	Jan. 14, 5:05 PM
	KTBB Tyler-Longview	Morning News
	KTBB Tyler-Longview	Evening News
<b>Overall Texas Broadcast Excellence</b>	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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<b>Feature (Light)</b>	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
<b>Feature (Serious)</b>	KENS-TV San Antonio	The Art of Healing
	KVDA-TV San Antonio	Bajo Mi Propia Piel
	KLRU-TV Austin	72 Hours Without SNAP
<b>Multimedia / Digital Storytelling</b>	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
<b>Breaking News</b>	KEYE-TV Austin	Deadly Target Shooting
	KENS-TV San Antonio	And the Rains Came
	KSAT-TV San Antonio	Hill Country Floods
<b>Continuing Coverage</b>	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
<b>Investigative Report</b>	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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<b>General Assignment</b>	KVUE-TV Austin	Rosedale Sinkhole
	KVDA-TV San Antonio	La Lucha de una Batalla
	KHOU-TV Houston	Wrong Man Detained
<b>Specialty / Beat Reporting</b>	KHOU-TV Houston	Jeremy Rogalski – KHOU 11 Investigates
	KEYE-TV Austin	Tech This Out
	KTBC-TV Austin	Meredith Aldis – Crimewatch
<b>Multimedia Journalist</b>	KTVT-TV Dallas-Fort Worth	Dawn White: One-Woman Band
<b>Reporter</b>	KVUE-TV Austin	Tony Plohetski: News Never Stops
	KSAT-TV San Antonio	Zaria Oates
	KHOU-TV Houston	Marcelino Benito Reports
<b>News Anchor / Anchor Team</b>	KWEX-TV San Antonio	Anchor Team Covering Texas Floods
	KTBC-TV Austin	Anchor Tierra Neubaum
	KEYE-TV Austin	Walt Maciborski
<b>Morning / Mid-Day Newscast</b>	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
<b>Evening Newscast</b>	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
<b>Overall Texas Broadcast Excellence</b>	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 <sup>th</sup> Tornadoes



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Category	Station	Entry Title
<b>Feature (Light)</b>	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
<b>Feature (Serious)</b>	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
<b>Multimedia / Digital Storytelling</b>	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
<b>Breaking News</b>	KRIS-TV Corpus Christi	The Coastal Bend on Fire
	KBTX-TV Bryan-College Station	July 4 <sup>th</sup> Floods
	KLTV-TV Tyler-Longview	Massive Industrial Fire Coverage
<b>Continuing Coverage</b>	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
<b>Investigative Report</b>	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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<b>General Assignment</b>	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
<b>Specialty / Beat Reporting</b>	KWTX-TV Waco	Education Reporting
	KVEO-TV Rio Grande Valley	Border Report
	KRIS-TV Corpus Christi	Corpus Christi Asian Culture
<b>Multimedia Journalist</b>	KRIS-TV Corpus Christi	Adam Beam
	KBTX-TV Bryan-College Station	Lillian Kosh
	KBTX-TV Bryan-College Station	Dylan Chryst Watkiss
<b>Reporter</b>	KIII-TV Corpus Christi	Bill Churchwell
	KVEO-TV Rio Grande Valley	Derick Garcia
	KRGV-TV Rio Grande Valley	Sarah Cervera
<b>News Anchor / Anchor Team</b>	KETK-TV Tyler-Longview	KETK Sports Team
	KETK-TV Tyler-Longview	Nolan Hoffman
	KBTX-TV Bryan-College Station	Karla Castillo
<b>Morning / Mid-Day Newscast</b>	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 <sup>th</sup>
<b>Evening Newscast</b>	KIII-TV Corpus Christi	3News at 6 PM: March 4 <sup>th</sup>
	KBTX-TV Bryan-College Station	News 3 at 10: July 6
	KRGV-TV Rio Grande Valley	Channel 5 News at 5: RGV March Floods
<b>Overall Texas Broadcast Excellence</b>	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 KWKT-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 <sup>th</sup>
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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<b>Feature (Light)</b>	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
<b>Feature (Serious)</b>	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
<b>Multimedia / Digital Storytelling</b>	KMID-TV Odessa-Midland	Tesla Shuts Down Veteran’s Car
	KFDX-TV Wichita Falls	Barry Levy OKC Bombing Experience
<b>Breaking News</b>	KXII-DT Sherman	Dallas ICE Shooter’s Texoma Ties
<b>Continuing Coverage</b>	KXII-DT Sherman	Justice for Katie Palmer
	KFDX-TV Wichita Falls	Sikes Senter Mall Development
	KTAB-TV Abilene	Stargate Abilene/AI Data Center
<b>Investigative Report</b>	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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<b>General Assignment</b>	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
<b>Specialty / Beat Reporting</b>	KFDX-TV Wichita Falls	Crimes & Courts
	KMID-TV Odessa-Midland	Powering the Permian
	KMID-TV Odessa-Midland	Basin Business
<b>Multimedia Journalist</b>	KFDX-TV Wichita Falls	Josh Hoggard
	KOSA-TV Odessa-Midland	Lauren Munt
	KLST/KSAN-TV San Angelo	Manny Diaz
<b>Reporter</b>	KFDM-TV Beaumont	Patrina Adger
	KOSA-TV Odessa-Midland	Lauren Munt
<b>News Anchor / Anchor Team</b>	KFDX-TV Wichita Falls	Jalen Wells & Natalie McCain
	KFDM-TV Beaumont	Kimberly Rusley
<b>Morning / Mid-Day Newscast</b>	KOSA-TV Odessa-Midland	Wake Up West Texas
	KXII-DT Sherman	News 12 at 6:30 AM: Aug. 21
<b>Evening Newscast</b>	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 <sup>th</sup>
<b>Overall Texas Broadcast Excellence</b>	KFDX-TV Wichita Falls KXII-TV Sherman	



<b>Finalists (Carole Kneeland Award)</b>	
<b>Station</b>	<b>Entry Title</b>
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