

## 2016 James Beard Journalism Awards

**Entry Deadline: 1/6/2016 11:59:00 PM Eastern Time**

### Criteria:

1. The James Beard Foundation Journalism Awards are open to any active journalist in North America for entries published in **2015 in any medium**. Entries must be in English.
2. Journalists may submit only one entry in each Awards category. However, journalists may enter more than one Awards category. Journalists may not submit the same entry in more than one Awards category, with the exception of the MFK Fisher Distinguished Writing Award. Each entry requires a separate entry form and a non-refundable \$100 entry fee for members and a \$150 entry fee for non-members.
3. Entries must be submitted by the author, an agent, an editor, or a publisher. For each entry it is important to include both the author's address, phone number and email address as well as an address and phone number at the publication.
4. All entries must be the original work of the author or co-authors.
5. The committee has established that there must be 10 entries in a category in order for it to be fairly judged. The committee reserves the right to combine or separate categories when appropriate and reassign categories as appropriate.
6. Standalone films should be submitted for a broadcast rather than journalism award.

### Category Definitions:

#### **MFK Fisher Distinguished Writing Award**

Recognizes a single article of exceptional literary merit on the subject of food and/or drink published in any medium. **Entries In the MFK Fisher Award category can also be entered in another Award category.**

#### **Craig Claiborne Distinguished Restaurant Review Award**

Recognizes discerning criticism of enduring value **that** contributes to the larger discourse on cuisine or restaurants. An entry consists of three restaurant reviews or critiques.

#### **Food Coverage in a General Interest Publication**

Recognizes excellence in food writing, reporting, and **presentation** of regularly-published food coverage in a non-food-focused publication. Entries must consist of three **features** or three issues.

### **Personal Essay**

Recognizes excellence in **an** essay on any food or drink-related topic. An entry consists of one eloquent essay that demonstrates a distinctive voice, perception, and style.

### **Humor**

Recognizes a single piece of written and/or visual food- or drink-related satire, parody, or other form of humor, published in any medium.

### **Home Cooking**

Recognizes excellence in service journalism with a practical focus **for the home cook**. The award honors imaginative and substantive entries that use fresh, **innovative** approaches—both written and visual—to illuminate cooking methods, ingredients, and recipes. An entry consists of one example, published in any medium.

### **Profile**

Recognizes a single **distinctive** presentation that brings to life the world of a chef, restaurateur, grower, producer, or other figure or group of significance to food or drink.

### **Visual Storytelling**

Recognizes narrative approaches to food- or drink-related stories using photography, **illustration, interactive design**, and other forms of visual enhancement. An entry consists of one example. The entry may be an individual submission or reflect the collaboration of up to four people.

### **Food and Culture**

Recognizes the importance of culture and history in food journalism. Entries in this category explore the connection between what we eat and who we are, with an emphasis on **reporting and** feature writing that makes the connection of food to its community. An entry consists of a single piece.

### **Dining and Travel**

Recognizes exemplary and comprehensive service journalism that relies on both critical voice and thorough research to bring a variety of dining options into perspective, whether in a single city, a region, or a country. An entry consists of a single piece or a package of related pieces published in any combination of media.

### **Food Reporting**

Recognizes excellence in investigative reporting, analysis, or other public service journalism on environmental, political, business or policy-related issues regarding food or drink. An entry consists of a single piece or a series or up to three related pieces.

### **Food and Health**

Recognizes excellence in food-related nutrition and health coverage. An entry consists of one definitive article or a series of up to three related pieces.

**Food -Related Column**

Recognizes the work of an individual that demonstrates thought-provoking opinion and a compelling style. An entry consists of three examples **of a regularly published column.**

**Wine, Spirits, and Other Beverages**

Recognizes distinctive style and innovative approach **in** a single article on wine, spirits, or other beverages.

**Food Blog**

Recognizes enterprise and excellence in an episodic food-or drink-related blog that uses the unique tools of the medium (such as community, real-time publishing and flexibility of layouts and embedded elements) to their fullest advantage. An entry consists of five links that best represent the quality of the work. Published regularly since January 1, 2015. Please submit URLs.

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**Publication of the Year**

This award is given by the Journalism Committee of the James Beard Foundation and recognizes leadership and excellence in food publication by one magazine, newspaper, or website.