

OVERVIEW

This year's recipients will constitute the 105th class of Pulitzer Prize winners. The first prizes were given in 1917 for work done in 1916. The Prize announcement will be livestreamed at Pulitzer.org at 1 p.m., Eastern time, on Friday, June 11, 2021. Each year, 22 prizes are awarded. The yearlong process begins with the appointment of 113 distinguished jurors who make three recommendations in each of 22 categories.

PRIZE CATEGORIES

Journalism

- Public Service (1917-present)
- Breaking News Reporting (1998-present)
- Investigative Reporting (1985-present)
- Explanatory Reporting (1998-present)
- Local Reporting (1948-1952; 2007-present)
- National Reporting (1948-present)
- International Reporting (1948-present)
- Feature Writing (1979-present)
- Commentary (1973-present)
- Criticism (1973-present)
- Editorial Writing (1917-present)
- Editorial Cartooning (1922-present)
- Breaking News Photography (2000-present)
- Feature Photography (1968-present)
- Audio Reporting (2020-present)

Letters, Drama and Music

- Fiction (1948-present)
- Drama (1917-present)
- History (1917-present)
- Biography (1917-present)
- Poetry (1922-present)
- General Nonfiction (1962-present)
- Music (1943-present)

BOARD

The Board is composed of 18 members, 17 of whom are voting members. Members serve a maximum of three, three-year terms.

JURIES

Juries range in size from three to seven members. Journalism juries generally have five or seven members, depending on the volume of entries in a category. Book juries have three to five members each. Music and Drama juries have five members each.

PROCEDURE

The Board makes the final decisions after evaluating all the finalists nominated by the juries and considering jury reports. Prizes are awarded by majority vote of the Board, but the Board is also empowered to vote “no prize,” or by three-fourths vote to switch nominations between categories or to select any entry that has not been nominated by a jury.

SYMBOL OF THE PRIZES

The Gold Medal is awarded each year to the American news organization that wins the Public Service Prize. The Medal has come to symbolize the entire Pulitzer program.

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