

# 2019 NEW ENGLAND NEWSPAPER AWARDS

## ENTRY FORM

Newspaper Name \_\_\_\_\_ ☐ Daily ☐ Weekly ☐ Specialty

Primary market (city/state) \_\_\_\_\_

Website \_\_\_\_\_ Login Credentials \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Company \_\_\_\_\_

Contact person \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

**Please check off the appropriate boxes for the awards you wish to be considered for. Please submit three copies of each edition.**

☐ **Newspaper of the Year** (please refer to the fee chart) Entry Fee \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
**Editions entered** (contest year is June 1, 2018 – May 31, 2019)

☐ Daily edition #1 date \_\_\_\_\_ #2 date \_\_\_\_\_ circulation \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Sunday edition #1 date \_\_\_\_\_ #2 date \_\_\_\_\_ circulation \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Weekly edition #1 date \_\_\_\_\_ #2 date \_\_\_\_\_ circulation \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Specialty edition #1 date \_\_\_\_\_ #2 date \_\_\_\_\_ circulation \_\_\_\_\_

☐ **Publick Occurrences** ..... x \$99 = \_\_\_\_\_  
**Include editor's note describing your entry with clips of your work.**

Name of entry/date of publication: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of writer(s), photographer(s): \_\_\_\_\_

☐ **Allan B. Rogers Editorial Award** ..... x \$99 = \_\_\_\_\_  
**Editor's note may submitted.**

Name of editorial/date of publication: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of editorial writer: \_\_\_\_\_

☐ **New England First Amendment Award** ..... x \$99 = \_\_\_\_\_  
**Editor's letter of nomination required. Additional supporting material may be submitted.**

Name of entry/date of publication: \_\_\_\_\_

☐ **AP Sevellon Brown Journalist of the Year Award** ..... x \$50 = \_\_\_\_\_  
**Nomination letter required. Additional supporting material may be submitted.**

Name of nominee: \_\_\_\_\_

☐ **Bob Wallack Community Journalism Award** ..... x \$39 = \_\_\_\_\_  
**Nomination letter required. Additional supporting material may be submitted.**

Name of nominee: \_\_\_\_\_

**Total: \$** \_\_\_\_\_

Please mail this entry form with your submission and payment to NENPA at

**1 Arrow Drive, Suite 6, Woburn, MA 01801**

[Click here to pay by credit card](#)

## NEW THIS YEAR: NEWSPAPER OF THE YEAR COVER LETTER

To reflect the changing media landscape, this year the Newspaper of the Year judging criteria will include non-traditional methods that news organizations are using along with the printed newspaper, website and mobile products.

Please use the space below to write a brief summary of the strategy and news products you are using to inform and engage communities in an accurate, comprehensive and timely manner. We have included a checklist of products, but please add any further methods that are not on the list. Please feel free to attach another sheet if necessary.

***Please check the following methods your newspaper is currently using to disseminate news and information to the community.***

- ☐ electronic newsletter
- ☐ local events or community forums
- ☐ community guides
- ☐ podcasts
- ☐ radio
- ☐ TV
- ☐ direct mail
- ☐ social media platforms:

---

---

- ☐ Other (please describe)

---

---

---

## 2019 NEWSPAPER OF THE YEAR COMPETITION

---

### ELIGIBLE EDITIONS AND ENTRY FEES

Entry fees are determined by circulation. Competitive divisions within each circulation category will be assigned after all entries have been received. **New this year all Newspaper of the Year entries must include a cover letter and with a brief summary of the strategy and news products you are using to inform and engage communities – see entry form for details.**

### NEWSPAPER OF THE YEAR

| <u>Circulation</u>                        | <u>Entry fee</u> | <u>Eligible editions</u>  |
|---|------------------|---|
| Weekday, 25,000 and under                 | \$199            | One issue from the week of March 25-30, 2019, plus one from any weekday June 1, 2018 to May 31, 2019.                 |
| Weekday, 25,001 or more                   | \$299            | One issue from the week of March 25-30, 2019, plus one from any weekday June 1, 2018 to May 31, 2019.                 |
| Sunday, 25,000 and under                  | \$199            | Sunday, March 31, 2019 edition, plus one from any Sunday during the contest year June 1, 2018 to May 31, 2019.        |
| Sunday, 25,000 or more                    | \$299            | Sunday, March 31, 2019 edition, plus one from any Sunday during the contest year June 1, 2018 to May 31, 2019.        |
| Weekly community papers, 10,000 and under | \$199            | One issue from the month of March 2019, plus one issue from anytime in the contest year June 1, 2018 to May 31, 2019. |
| Weekly community papers, 10,000 or more   | \$199            | One issue from the month of March 2019, plus one issue from anytime in the contest year June 1, 2018 to May 31, 2019. |
| Specialty newspapers (ie. publications)   | \$199            | One issue from the month of March 2019, plus one issue from anytime in the contest year June 1, 2018 to May 31, 2019. |

---

**All circulation classes may enter submissions in the following categories, regardless of publication frequency or size. Entries in these categories must have been published between June 1, 2018 and May 31, 2019.**

#### Entry fee

|   |             |
|---|-------------|
| <b>PUBLIC OCCURRENCES</b>                                   | <b>\$99</b> |
| <b>ALLAN B. ROGERS EDITORIAL AWARD</b>                      | <b>\$99</b> |
| <b>NEW ENGLAND FIRST AMENDMENT AWARD</b>                    | <b>\$99</b> |
| <b>AP SEVELLON BROWN NEW ENGLAND JOURNALIST OF THE YEAR</b> | <b>\$50</b> |
| <b>BOB WALLACK COMMUNITY JOURNALISM AWARD</b>               | <b>\$39</b> |

---

## DEADLINE FOR ENTRIES

### Thursday, July 18 2019

---

The New England Newspaper & Press Association will identify our region's best daily, weekly and specialty newspapers, and recognize them with the prestigious 2019 New England Newspaper Awards.

Please fill out the entry form and send it with your sample editions and/or clips. Enclose your check for fees payable to the *New England Newspaper & Press Association*.  
*Credit card fees will be sent a PayPal link.*

Entries must be in the NENPA office **by 4pm on Thursday, July 18, 2019**. They should be mailed/delivered to the New England Newspaper & Press Association at **1 Arrow Drive, Woburn, MA 01801**.

*Questions?*

Please contact Christine Panek at [c.panek@nenpa.com](mailto:c.panek@nenpa.com) / (781)-281-7284

# 2019 NEW ENGLAND NEWSPAPER AWARDS

---

Massachusetts ▲ Connecticut ▲ Rhode Island ▲ New Hampshire ▲ Maine ▲ Vermont



**ALLAN B. ROGERS  
EDITORIAL AWARD**

**PUBLICK  
OCCURRENCES**

**NEW ENGLAND  
FIRST AMENDMENT AWARD**

**BOB WALLACK COMMUNITY  
JOURNALISM AWARD**

**AP SEVELLON BROWN  
JOURNALIST OF THE YEAR**

# 2019 NEW ENGLAND NEWSPAPERS OF THE YEAR

---

Once again this year the New England Newspaper & Press Association will identify our region's best daily, weekly and specialty newspapers, and recognize them with the prestigious **"New England Newspaper of the Year"** award. Winners will be named in a range of circulation categories. ***To be considered, editors simply fill out the entry form and brief summary and submit sample copies along with their entry fee.***

**This is a one-of-a-kind competition** – it is the only distinction of its kind in the newspaper industry that is judged by *audience* members. New England newspaper readers will be appointed to evaluate the entries from a news consumer point of view and decide which deserve the honor of being named *Newspaper of the Year*.

All newspapers in the contest will not only have a chance to be chosen for the award, but they'll also receive feedback from newspaper readers about the strengths and weaknesses of their print and digital publications and how their paper stacks up compared to similar-size papers in our region. Each editor that enters will receive a summary scorecard with the reader judges' ratings across a range of attributes that are typically associated with quality newspapers and written verbatim comments.

## **Readers will evaluate your paper's relative strengths and weaknesses, including:**

- ◆ quality of reporting and writing
- ◆ use of photos
- ◆ design and presentation
- ◆ digital offering
- ◆ overall utility and value
- ◆ General impressions, such as: Does the newspaper inform, educate, entertain, inspire, motivate, lead? Does it reflect and care about the community it serves? Does it put the interests of the reader first? Is it unique or special in some way?

**The winners will be honored at the New England Newspaper Conference Awards Luncheon, which will be held on Thursday October 10, 2019 at the AC Hotel Marriott in Worcester, MA.**

NENPA member newspapers are invited to enter in four categories as described below (weekday, Sunday, weekly, specialty). Newspapers will be assigned to a competitive division within their category after all entries are received (i.e., small, medium and large weeklies, small, medium and large dailies, small, medium and large Sunday/weekend publications.)

### **Weekday newspapers**

Please submit three copies each of two weekday editions. One edition must be from the week of Monday, March 25 into Saturday, March 30, 2019. The second can be from any weekday between June 1, 2018 and May 31, 2019.

### **Sunday newspapers**

Please submit three copies each of two Sunday editions. One must be your Sunday, March 31, 2019 edition. The second can be any Sunday edition between June 1, 2018 and May 31, 2019. *Newspapers with no Sunday edition may submit their Saturday Weekender edition.*

### **Weekly community newspapers**

Please submit three copies each of two editions. One edition must be from the month of March 2019 and the other from any week during the contest year of June 1, 2018 to May 31, 2019.

### **Specialty newspapers**

Please submit three copies each of two editions. One must be from the month of March 2019 and the other from any point during the contest year of June 1, 2018 to May 31, 2019.



## PUBLICLK OCCURRENCES

Editors are invited to enter their paper's best reporting and/or photojournalism from the past year. This award recognizes individual or team stories, series, spot news coverage, columns or photojournalism that ran in print and/or online. Editors should view this entry as their "very best work of the year" (June 1, 2018 – May 31, 2019).

This competition is open to all members of NENPA. Up to eight Publiclk Occurrences awards will be presented to daily newspapers, and up to eight will be presented to community weekly and specialty newspapers.

These awards were established in 1990 to mark the 300th anniversary of the founding of Publiclk Occurrences, the first newspaper published in America. Four days after it appeared in 1690 in Boston, Publiclk Occurrences was suppressed by the royal governor.

**2018 Publiclk Occurrences Award winners:** *Marshfield Mariner, The Republican, Cape Cod Times, The Berkshire Eagle, The Herald News, The Patriot Ledger, The Daily Item, Providence Business News, The Eagle-Tribune, Hartford Courant, Foster's Daily Democrat, Concord Monitor, Seven Days, Telegram & Gazette, The Enterprise, Connecticut Health I-Team*

**Entry fee \$99**

## ALLAN B. ROGERS EDITORIAL AWARD

This award recognizes the best editorial on a local subject that ran in New England in the past year (June 1, 2018 – May 31, 2019). The award honors the editor of The Eagle-Tribune (North Andover, MA) who died in 1964 at the age of 31.

This an open competition, so editorials from a wide variety of member newspapers in New England, regardless of circulation size and frequency of publication, are welcome to enter.

**2018 Allan B. Rogers Editorial Award winner:**  
*Telegram & Gazette, Worcester, MA*

**Entry fee \$99**

## NEW ENGLAND FIRST AMENDMENT AWARD

This award will recognize a New England newspaper for its exceptional work in upholding the First Amendment and/or educating the public about it.

The award honors the association's record of leadership on First Amendment issues.

Entrants will be judged for the quality of reporting, editorials, commentary and/or legal challenges that illuminate or uphold the First Amendment.

NENPA-member newspapers, regardless of circulation size and frequency of publication, are invited to submit work published during the past year, June 1, 2018 to May 31, 2019.

**2018 NE First Amendment Award winner:**  
*The Providence Journal*

**Entry fee \$99**

*To enter, please fill out the entry form and send it with your sample editions and/or clips with a check or credit card information for your entry fee(s). **Entries must be postmarked by Wednesday, July 10, 2019.***

*Winners will be honored at the New England Newspaper Conference, which will be held on Thursday October 10, 2019 at the AC Hotel Marriott, in Worcester, MA.*



## BOB WALLACK

---

### COMMUNITY JOURNALISM AWARD

This special award, which is named in honor of longtime New England journalist and former New England Press Association Executive Director Bob Wallack, recognizes an individual who has an exceptional record of commitment to community journalism. This award celebrates the accomplishments of someone who, over a sustained period of time, has faithfully served the community for which they are responsible and has played an active, constructive role in contributing to its quality of life. Anyone may nominate a colleague, co-worker, subordinate, superior, mentor, retiree, etc., who works or worked in our six-state region and truly exemplifies the ideal of a community journalist, just as Bob Wallack did. Please complete the entry form and submit a letter of nomination that describes your nominee's contributions, and make a case for why he/she should be chosen for this prestigious distinction.

#### **2018 Bob Wallack Community Journalism Award winner:**

*Paul Leighton, The Salem (MA) News*

**Entry fee \$39**



### Sevellon Brown NEW ENGLAND JOURNALIST OF THE YEAR

*Presented by:*

**New England Society  
of  
News Editors**

This award is bestowed by the New England Society of News Editors, and it recognizes an individual for producing journalism of distinction in New England this past year. The award is named in honor of Sevellon Brown, the late editor and publisher of The Providence Journal-Bulletin, founder of the American Press Institute, fellow of the Academy of New England Journalists, and past president and founder of New England Associated Press News Editors Association (NEAPNEA).

The competition is open to New England journalists of any kind; whether working for a daily, weekly or specialty print publication, broadcast outlet or online media.

NESNE member editors or news directors may submit one nomination of a journalist for a compelling story/series published or broadcast between June 1, 2018 and May 31, 2019.

Nominations should consist of a brief cover letter, supported by tearsheets or links to the text, photos, audio, video or other elements of the story/series.

#### **2018 AP Sevellon Brown Award winner:**

*Karin Florin, The Day, New London, CT*

**Entry fee \$50**

*To enter, please fill out the entry form and send it with your sample editions and/or clips with a check or credit card information for your entry fee(s). **Entries must be postmarked by Friday, July 12, 2019.***

*Winners will be honored at the New England Newspaper Conference, which will be held on Thursday October 10, 2019 at the AC Hotel Marriott, Worcester, MA.*



**Questions?** Please contact Christine Panek at [c.panek@nenpa.com](mailto:c.panek@nenpa.com)