

THE CATEGORIES

1a. SPORTS PHOTOGRAPHER of the Year

Winner and Runner Up

For the best five photographs capturing the big incidents in sporting activities. For this category, you must submit both the photo and the newspaper page it appeared in (with the date visible).

To qualify photographs must be for Scottish publications or portraying a Scottish affair for a non-Scottish print or online publication.

We will accept a minimum of three photographs in this category.

1b. NEWS PHOTOGRAPHER of the Year

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For the best five photographs capturing the essence of news stories (not sporting events – see above); the pictures that are worth a thousand words. For this category you must submit both the photo and the newspaper page it appeared in (with the date visible).



To qualify photographs must be for Scottish publications or portraying a Scottish affair for a non-Scottish print or online publication.

We will accept a minimum of three photographs in this category.

2. CARTOONIST of the Year

Winner and Runner Up

For the best three cartoons/cartoon strips, which appeared in any print or online newspaper or magazine during the year. For this category, you must submit a copy of the original cartoon/cartoon strip **as well as** a copy of the cutting to show how (and when) the cartoon appeared in the publication.

3. YOUNG JOURNALIST of the Year

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For the three best articles, news stories or single planned series of articles or news stories by a journalist aged 25 **at the time of publication**, appearing in any print or online newspaper or magazine. Any series submitted should not exceed three articles. Please enter your date of birth on the entry form.

4. WEEKLY NEWSPAPER of the Year

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For the three best **non-consecutive** issues of a local weekly or bi-weekly newspaper published during the year. Sunday newspapers and weekly magazines are excluded from this category. Please note: in this category, 3 copies of each of the 3 issues are required and they must be sent in as **hard copies** (i.e. 9 copies in total).



A new requirement - to accompany each submission please explain in 500 words why your paper deserves to be Weekly Newspaper of the Year (written by the editor).

5. INTERVIEWER of the Year

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For the three best interviews appearing in any newspaper, magazine or online publication during the year. Entries must feature three interviews with different subjects and can come from any section of the publication, including business and sport.

6. POLITICAL JOURNALIST of the Year

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For the three best political stories, or one series of political stories, which appeared in any print or online newspaper or magazine during the year. Any series submitted should not exceed three articles.

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7. COLUMNIST of the Year

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For the three best articles written by a columnist in any print or online newspaper or magazine during the year. A maximum of three articles should be submitted in this category.

8. SPORTS COLUMNIST of the Year

Winner and Runner Up

For the three best articles or single planned series of articles which appeared in any print or online newspaper or magazine during the year. This category is open to all journalists writing sports-related columns. Any series submitted should not exceed three articles.

This is a new category in the Scottish Press Awards.

9. FINANCIAL/BUSINESS JOURNALIST of the Year

Winner and Runner Up

For the three best articles or single planned series of articles which appeared in any print or online newspaper or magazine during the year. This category is open to all journalists writing in the following subject areas – business, industry, technology and financial affairs. Any series submitted should not exceed three articles.

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10. FEATURE WRITER of the Year

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For the three best general feature articles or single planned series of three general feature articles appearing in any print or online newspaper or magazine during the year.

This category incorporates the previous category of Arts/Entertainment Journalist.

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11. SPORTS FEATURE WRITER of the Year

Winner and Runner Up

For the three best sports features, which appeared in any print or online newspaper or magazine during the year. Where an entry involves a series of features, entries should not exceed three articles.

12. SPORTS NEWS WRITER of the Year

Winner and Runner Up

For the three best sports news stories, or one series of news stories, on any one topic which appeared in any one print or online newspaper or magazine during the year. Any series submitted should not exceed three articles.

13. OUTSTANDING DIGITAL JOURNALIST of the Year

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Recognises the individual who has done the most to harness digital opportunities for effective and innovative electronic delivery of news content which enhances the overall multi-platform strategy of the publication.

A maximum of three examples should be submitted in this category.

This is a new category in the Scottish Press Awards.



14. SCOOP of the Year

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For the best **exclusive** story which created the greatest impact appearing in any print or online newspaper or magazine during the year.



15. FRONT PAGE of the Year

Winner and Runner Up

For the front page making the most impact taking into account headline, photographs and presentation. The award is intended to recognise the work of production journalists. One front page only per entry.

16. JOURNALISM TEAM of the Year

Winner and Runner Up

For the best story or series of stories appearing in any print or online newspaper or magazine during the year. The award will be presented to a number of journalists contributing to the story or series of stories. Entries in this category are limited to a **maximum of six articles**. Please give your story/series of stories a name on the entry form.

17. DIGITAL TEAM of the Year

Winner and Runner Up

The award recognises the team working within a multi-platform organisation (which includes print), which has displayed the most innovative use of digital publishing and communication to widen readership appeal and engagement, and grow audiences.

A maximum of three examples should be submitted in this category.

This is a new category in the Scottish Press Awards.

18. CAMPAIGN of the Year

Winner and Runner Up

For the best campaign printed in any print or online newspaper or magazine during the year. Entries in this category are limited to a **maximum of six articles** per subject. Entries must represent the range and scope of the campaign and should highlight aspects such as reader involvement. This award will be made to one journalist or a number of journalists contributing to a campaign. Please name your campaign on the entry form.

19. REPORTER of the Year

Winner and Runner Up

For the three best news stories, or one series of news stories, on any one topic, which appeared in any one print or online newspaper or magazine during the year. Any series submitted should not exceed three articles.

20. JOURNALIST of the Year

Winner

To be selected by the judges.

No entries should be submitted for this award.

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21. NEWSPAPER of the Year

Winner

To be selected by the judges. For the three best **non-consecutive issues** of a daily or Sunday newspaper published during the year. Please note: in this category, only **1 copy** of each newspaper is required and it **must be sent in hard copy**.

To accompany each submission you must explain in 500 words why your paper deserves to be Newspaper of the Year.

The deadline for entry into this category is Monday 6th February 2017.

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