

2026 Hood–Dupont Service Award: Call for Nominations

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In 2025, the Broadcast and Mobile Journalism Division of AEJMC voted to rename the division's highest service honor as the Hood–Dupont Service Award in memory of Lee Hood and Nancy Dupont — two exemplary educators whose dedication, mentorship, and leadership left a lasting impact on journalism and journalism education. The renamed award continues the tradition of recognizing individuals who embody the spirit of service these colleagues represented throughout their careers.

The Hood–Dupont Service Award will honor a broadcast or mobile journalist or journalism educator who has demonstrated extraordinary service to both the academy and the profession. The Award will be presented at AEJMC's annual conference in New Orleans.

Please review the submission guidelines below and email your nomination packet, combining all required elements into a single PDF attachment to drwenger@olemiss.edu by 5 p.m. on March 15, 2026.

Hood–Dupont Service Award Guidelines

A successful Hood–Dupont nomination packet will include:

1. A detailed, thorough letter of nomination
2. A complete résumé or CV of the nominee
3. Up to three supporting letters from educators and/or professional colleagues

Examples of service may include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Leadership of a national organization dedicated to advancing journalism and journalism education
- Publication of journalism-focused work (e.g., articles for industry-related websites, textbooks, documentaries, or training videos)
- Development and administration of foundations or initiatives that assist journalism students or educators (e.g., scholarships, fellowships, training programs)
- Leadership of educational initiatives within the nominee's industry (e.g., directing internship programs, apprenticeships, or newsroom training efforts)
- Research designed to help students and early-career journalists advance their professional performance
- Extraordinary service to the mission of the Broadcast and Mobile Journalism Division

Nominations will remain active for three years.

Selection Process

The Hood–Dupont Award selection committee shall be appointed by the Division Head, and committee members shall serve two- to three-year terms. Nominations should be submitted to and compiled by the selection committee no later than March 31. The committee shall review the nominations and announce

the name of an award recipient (or that there is none) by May 1, prior to the annual convention in August.

The Division reserves the right to withhold the award if, in our judgment, the criteria for selection are not sufficiently met. This ensures that the integrity and standards of the award remain consistent with our values and expectations.