THE JANE CUNNINGHAM CROLY AWARD

2027 ENTRY FORM AND GUIDELINES

2027 CROLY AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN JOURNALISM

The **Jane Cunningham Croly Award for Excellence in Journalism Covering Issues of Concern to Women** recognizes journalists who best capture the courage, vision, and spirit of Jane Cunningham Croly. Jane Cunningham Croly was a pioneering journalist who devoted her life to helping women improve their lives and expand their rights. The Croly Award winner must demonstrate a concern for the rights and the advancement of women in our society; an awareness of women's empathy, strength, and courage; and/or an attempt to challenge sexism.

GUIDELINES

The contest is open to all journalists who contribute to newspapers, broadcast news programs (radio and television), magazines, news services, or online publications, either as staff or in a freelance capacity.

- Complete entries consist of:
  - Original versions of article/segment published/produced in the 2025 or 2026 calendar years;
  - Digital submissions must be submitted with an active link;
  - Print submissions must include original work or high quality PDF/image/copy of the article, appropriate for duplication on letter-size paper (8.5" x 11");
  - Broadcast submissions must be submitted in MP4 format or though an active link;
  - Completed application form.
- Although more than one journalist from a news outlet may enter, all individual entrants must submit their own original news piece and a completed application form.
- A journalist may submit multiple entries, but each individual entry may only be submitted once.
- All news stories should contain byline of the entrant, name of news outlet, and date published.
- For digital publications, original versions are identified as printed copies of articles where the printed copy contains byline of the entrant, name of publication, and date published in the body of the printed copy rather than as an adjustable printed footer.
- Entries must be emailed or postmarked by April 30, 2027.
- Winner will be notified by May 31, 2027.
- Award will be presented at the 2027 GFWC Annual Convention June 26–28, 2027, in Charlotte, North Carolina. The winner is invited to attend the Convention remotely or in person and will deliver an address of 10-15 minutes at the awards ceremony.

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ENTRY SUBMISSION
Please send your Croly Award entry form and required materials by **April 30, 2027**, to:

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AWARD

The Croly Award will be presented at the 2027 GFWC Annual Convention June 7-9, 2027, in Charlotte, North Carolina.

The winner will receive a $1,000 cash award and airfare/expenses to attend and speak at the Convention if they choose to participate in person. The recipient will be offered the option of accepting the award remotely or in person.

JUDGES

A judging panel will review entries to select an overall winner whose submission (print, broadcast, or online) demonstrates a concern for the rights and advancement of women in our society; an awareness of women's empathy, strength, and courage; and/or an attempt to challenge sexism.

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2026–2028 GFWC ADMINISTRATION

1. ENTRY

Name of Journalist			
Status (check one)	☐ Freelancer Writer	☐ Reporter	☐ Other (explain)_____
Phone	Email		
If employed full time by a newspaper, magazine, news service, television station, radio station, or online publication, provide name of publication/organization:			

2. NOMINATOR/CONTACT PERSON

Nominator/Contact Name		
Mailing Address		
City	State	Zip Code
Phone	Email	

3. STORY NOMINATION

Please list the title of each story submitted, along with name of news outlet in which the story appeared and the date(s) published.

Title	News Outlet	Date
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4. AGREEMENTS

INITIAL HERE ☐ If chosen as the 2027 Croly Award winner, I agree to attend the 2027 GFWC Annual Convention June 26–28, 2027, in Charlotte, North Carolina or participate in the Convention remotely, and deliver an address on the background, creation, and reception of my award-wining entry.

INITIAL HERE ☐ I pledge that the articles submitted are my own work and do not plagiarize or rely substantially on the work of other authors or through Artificial Intelligence (AI) except where noted.

_____ Print Name of Entrant

_____ Signature of Entrant

Thank you for your interest in the 2027 Croly Award

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