

2026 ASDSO Awards Program MEDIA OUTREACH AWARD

OVERVIEW

ASDSO established this award in 2017 to recognize media outlets and journalists whose work on dam safety issues has enhanced the:

- public understanding of the impact dams have on society,
- the role they play as key components of public infrastructure,
- ramifications of dam safety incidents, or
- other noteworthy contributions to dam safety.

Recipients may include those who work in print, broadcasting, digital, and other media platforms.

AWARD CRITERIA

Nominees will be judged based on how well they:

- fairly cover all sides of a dam safety project(s) or issue(s),
- accurately describe the dam safety project(s) or issue(s),
- effectively explain how the project or outcome of the issue affected the community or region,
- utilize knowledgeable dam safety experts, and
- advance public knowledge and understanding of the need to reduce the risk and consequences of dam failure in the U.S.

A nominee's cumulative body of work related to dam safety or a single story can also be considered. The award may be presented to one nominee or a team.

PROCEDURES

- All nominations must use the attached PDF form. Nominations may be sent to Awards@Damsafety.org.
- The deadline for nomination and submittal of documents is May 1, 2026.
- Representatives from the ASDSO Media Outreach Committee and appropriate ASDSO staff will review the nominations. The ASDSO Board of Directors will confirm any recipients. The award may be awarded every year at the discretion of the Board of Directors.
- Award recipients will be notified in July 2026. Award recipients will be recognized at an awards luncheon on August 31, 2026, held in conjunction with the Dam Safety 2026 national conference Raleigh, North Carolina.
- Award recipients will be recognized in select Dam Safety 2026 materials, on the ASDSO website, in *The Journal of Dam Safety*, and ASDSO's Fiscal Year 2027 Annual Report.

Completed forms should be submitted to Awards@Damsafety.org.

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NOMINATOR INFORMATION

Name: _____

Organization: _____

Email Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

NOMINEE INFORMATION

Name: _____

Outlet: _____

Email Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

RELEVANT WORK

Provide Links to Articles, Broadcasts, or Videos Relevant to the Award Below OR Attach Files to Submission Email

CONTRIBUTIONS

Provide a Description of How Nominee's Work Enhanced Public Understanding of the Impact Dams and Nominee's Overall Contributions to Dam Safety.

Paragraph form should be used. Descriptions should be between 300 and 750 words.