

# Woman's Press Club of Indiana

An affiliate of the National Federation of Press Women



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## **2026 Julie and Gene Slaymaker Public Service to Journalism Award**

Deadline: APRIL 22, 2026

WPCI (Woman's Press Club of Indiana) will present a \$500 award to a qualified Indiana journalist (professional journalist, male or female) who has provided public service to journalism in the past year, above and beyond that person's job description. The applicant must provide documentation from the recipient of the public service.

The award is known as the Julie and Gene Slaymaker Award in memory of Gene Slaymaker, a WPCI member who died in 2012. It was established by his wife Julie in honor of their 30 years of service as statewide contest directors of the Indiana Professional Chapter of The Society of Professional Journalists. Both Slaymakers served as president of IndyPro SPJ. They were also elected to offices in WPCI. Julie was president three times and Gene was treasurer when he died.

Each application packet shall include ALL of the following:

- The completed application form (attached).
- A narrative essay of 150-300 words, written by the applicant, telling the scholarship/award committee how he/she has given his/her time and talent to service in journalism in the past year, above and beyond the applicant's job description. The autobiographical essay is to be titled and is to follow all the conventions of a well-written piece of prose.
- A letter affirming the applicant's service to journalism, written by the recipient of that service (individual or organization, for example).

The complete application packet is to be mailed, with a postmark on or before APRIL 2, 2026, OR emailed by APRIL 22, 2026, to:

Elizabeth Granger, WPCI Scholarship Coordinator  
13551 Waybury Dr.  
Nunica, MI 49448  
[elizabethgrangertravel@gmail.com](mailto:elizabethgrangertravel@gmail.com)

Failure to follow the above instructions may disqualify an application.

Find information, and application, at [wpcindiana.org](http://wpcindiana.org). Under News, click on Scholarships & Grants.

Questions? Email [elizabethgrangertravel@gmail.com](mailto:elizabethgrangertravel@gmail.com). On subject line, write WPCI Slaymaker Award.

**WPCI (Woman's Press Club of Indiana)**  
**2026 Slaymaker Award for Public Service**  
**Official Application**  
**Deadline: APRIL 22, 2026**

PLEASE PRINT LEGIBLY.

Name of applicant: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

zip code

Home phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

Employer (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

Employer's address, phone (if applicable):

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College (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

College course of study, years (e.g., 1992-1996), if applicable: \_\_\_\_\_

Degree, year (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

Brief history of journalism experience: \_\_\_\_\_

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**To be signed by the applicant:**

*I certify that the information provided in this packet is complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I understand that falsification of information may result in a rescinding of any award granted.*

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Applicant's signature

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Date