

Adjudication Process

Each category entry was independently reviewed, evaluated and scored by one to three judges where possible. Judges' scores are averaged to determine gold, silver and bronze winners in each category. In the case of a tie or an extreme variation in scores between judges, the awards chair may be required to independently scrutinize and score the relevant entries.

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Silver \$100

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Saturday, September 20, 2025

Winnipeg, Manitoba



2025 CFWF Awards

Opinion Writing

The Frank Jacobs Award

Gold: Matt McIntosh

Silver: Kathleen Gibson

Bronze: Bob Collins

Electronic Media - Video

The Jack McPherson Award

Gold: Jamie Wensley

Silver: David Hultin

Electronic Media - Audio

The Tom Leach Award

Gold: Kara Mastel

Silver: Trevor Bacque

Bronze: Toban Dyck & Jay Whetter

Communication – Short

The Alice Switzer Award

Gold: Kelly Green

Silver: Trevor Bacque

Bronze: Kate Ayers

Communication - Long

The Henry Heald Award

Gold: Tenesha Lawson

Silver: Trevor Bacque

Bronze: Ashley Robinson

Communicator of the Year

Tenesha Lawson

Technical Feature

The Peter Lewington Award

Gold: Ronda Payne

Silver: Trevor Bacque

Bronze: Ray Ford

Current Affairs Feature

The Dick Beamish Award

Gold: Zoltan Varadi

Silver: Geralyn Wichers

Bronze: Tom Walker

People Feature

The Jack Cram Award

Gold: Ed White

Silver: Tracey Fredrickson

Bronze: Karen Briere

Feature of the Year

Zoltan Varadi

2025 CFWF Awards

Technical Reporting

The O.R. Evans Award

Gold: Trevor Bacque

Silver: Karen Davidson

Bronze: Robin Galey

Current Affairs Reporting

The Q.H. Martinson Award

Gold: Trevor Bacque

Silver: Karen Davidson

Bronze: Karen Briere

Business/Economics Reporting

The C.B. Fairbairn Award

Gold: John Greig

Silver: Tom Walker

Bronze: Trevor Bacque

Reporter of the Year

Trevor Bacque

People Photograph

The Don Baron Award

Gold: Sharon Grose

Silver: Myrna Stark Leader

Bronze: Debra Murphy

Production Photograph

The John Phillips Award

Gold: Sharon Grose

Silver: Glenn Lowson

Bronze: Myrna Stark Leader

Landscape Photograph

Gold: Toban Dyck

Silver: Myrna Stark Leader

Bronze: Sharon Grose

Photo of the Year

Sharon Grose

Farm Writer of the Year

Trevor Bacque

New Writer of the Year

David Schmidt

Janelle Rudolph

Story of the Year

Trevor Bacque

Lifetime Achievement Award

Laura Rance