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Outstanding Young Journalist Award Recipients

For recognition of the outstanding work of a journalist under the age of 30. One winner is chosen annually from a weekly newspaper and a daily newspaper.

1999	Jay Gravholt , Yankton Daily Press & Dakotan Misty Wahlstrom , Custer County Chronicle	2012	Chris Huber , The Daily Republic, Mitchell Matt Heinrichs , Lake Preston Times
2000	Steve Buchholz , Rapid City Journal Jeremy Waltner , Freeman Courier	2013	Luke Hagen , The Daily Republic, Mitchell Carrie Moore , Custer County Chronicle
2001	Jerrod Niedermyer , Brookings Register Wendy Williams , Custer County Chronicle	2014	Jeremy Hoeck , Yankton Daily Press & Dakotan Erica Gaspar , Tea Weekly
2002	Chuck Blomberg , The Daily Republic, Mitchell Jason Ferguson , Custer County Chronicle	2015	Brooke Cersosimo , The Daily Republic, Mitchell
2003	Wayne Hammond , Watertown Public Opinion Laura Woodard , Hill City Prevailers News	2016	Evan Hendershot , The Daily Republic, Mitchell Emre "Ray" Erku , Reporter & Farmer, Webster
2004	Elissa Grossell , American News, Aberdeen Erik Kaufman , Hutchinson Herald	2017	Marcus Traxler , The Daily Republic, Mitchell Dana Ferguson , Argus Leader, Sioux Falls
2005	Rich Remmers , Watertown Public Opinion Sarah Ebeling , Parker New Era	2018	Ellen Bardash , The Daily Republic, Mitchell
2006	Emily Arthur , American News, Aberdeen Ariel Emery , Southern Union County Leader-Courier, Elk Point	2019	Brian Haenchen , Argus Leader, Sioux Falls Beth Fennel , Dakota Dunes-North Sioux City Times
2007	Seth Tupper , The Daily Republic, Mitchell Anne Homan , The Lennox Independent	2020	Arielle Zions , Rapid City Journal Gray Hughes , Hill City Prevailers News
2008	Nathan Johson , Yankton Daily Press & Dakotan Jamie Gibson , Parker New Era	2022	Erin Woodiel , Argus Leader, Sioux Falls
2009	Kayla Gahagan , Rapid City Journal Amanda Fanger , Onida Watchman	2023	Matt Case , Rapid City Journal Esther Noe , Hill City Prevailers-News
2010	Joe O'Sullivan , Watertown Public Opinion Billy Drown , Hill City Prevailers News	2024	Makenzie Huber , South Dakota Searchlight Emelia Enquist , Grant County Review
		2025	Amelia Schafer , Rapid City Journal Wren Murphy , Madison Daily Leader
		2026	Morgan Matzen , Argus Leader, Sioux Falls