

CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS – Eighth Annual Competition

2021 Major General Harold J. “Harry” Greene Awards for Acquisition Writing

CHALLENGE: The Army Acquisition community is preparing for the future while continuing to learn lessons from the past. Our commitment to maintain decisive technological advantage against adversaries on current and future battlefields is unwavering. Joint Warfighters depend on us to get the right equipment into their hands at the right time to deter conflict or fight and win our Nation’s wars. Speed is a critical factor. It is important that we drive the dialogue about meeting and overcoming challenges in delivering capabilities to our men and women in uniform now and in the future.

PROPOSAL: The Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Army (Acquisition, Logistics and Technology) is sponsoring the 2021 Major General Harold J. “Harry” Greene Awards for Acquisition Writing to continue shaping the public dialogue about U.S. Army Acquisition through critical writing. Maximum participation is encouraged, especially among members of the Department of Defense (DoD) Acquisition Workforce, although the competition is open to everyone.

TOPICS: Authors are required to select and write about U.S. Army Acquisition from the following categories: (1) Acquisition Reform; (2) Future Operations; (3) Innovation; or (4) Lessons Learned.

SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS: Submissions—in one of the four categories identified—must address lessons learned, solutions for navigating the current environment, creativity in acquisition, or discuss the way ahead, from an acquisition perspective, for maintaining readiness while building the future Army. All submissions should connect the acquisition process to the Soldier. Each submission should be between 500 and 1,800 words, double-spaced, and prepared in Arial 12-point font. Submissions must be unclassified and cleared for public release/publication by the author’s organization. **Submit entries to usarmy.pentagon.hqda-asa-alt.mbx.acq-writing-awards@mail.mil by midnight September 30, 2021**, along with a brief (not to exceed four lines) biographical statement about the author, including email address and telephone number. No editing or revision is permitted after submission.

ARTWORK: Photographs, graphics (illustrations and charts), or a combination of both may accompany each submission, but are not required. All photographs must have a minimum 300-dpi resolution and be in TIFF or JPEG format. Please provide the photographer’s name and command for each photo submitted; the artist’s name and command for each illustration; and the source organization for each chart.

ELIGIBILITY: Essays must be original, not previously submitted to any writing competition or published (including online), and completed during Fiscal Year 2021. An author may submit more than one entry, but only one entry per category. Two or more individuals may author an entry. The competition is open to any author (both DoD and non-DoD personnel are eligible) writing about U.S. Army Acquisition. Government contractors must complete their submissions outside of normal duty hours, and it is suggested that others do so as well.

EVALUATION PROCESS: Entries will be evaluated by a review board to determine the winners and honorable mentions in each category. Entries will be awarded points based on persuasiveness (20%); clarity and strength of argument (20%); innovation (20%); relevance to current or future environment (20%); and feasibility (20%). Each entry will be assigned a number and submitted blindly to the review board for evaluation.

AWARDS: Four award winners will be selected (one in each category) and submitted for publication in Army AL&T magazine and four additional submissions will be selected for honorable mention. In the case of a tie, each submission will be recognized. The four winners will also receive awards at the annual U.S. Army Acquisition Executive’s Excellence in Leadership Awards ceremony in Washington, D.C., at a date to be determined.

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