

CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS – 11th Annual Competition

2024 Major General Harold J. “Harry” Greene Awards for Acquisition Writing

CHALLENGE: As the U.S. Army acquisition community prepares for the future, our focus is on acquisition reform to speed capabilities to our warfighters, innovation to ensure they maintain a decisive technological advantage, and lessons learned from Soldier touch points, operational assessments, and prior conflicts. Joint warfighters depend on us to get the right equipment into their hands at the right time to deter conflict or, failing that, prevail in war. It is important that we think critically and write persuasively about meeting and overcoming challenges in delivering capabilities to our men and women in uniform.

PROPOSAL: The Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Army (Acquisition, Logistics and Technology) is sponsoring the 2024 Major General Harold J. “Harry” Greene Awards for Acquisition Writing to encourage critical writing focused on Army acquisition challenges and successful efforts to overcome them. Maximum participation is encouraged, especially among members of the Department of Defense 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—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 Army of 2030 and beyond. 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@army.mil with a copy to karen.d.kurtz2.civ@army.mil by midnight September 30, 2024**, 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 2024. An author may submit more than one entry, but only one per category. Two or more individuals may author an entry. The competition is open to any author 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 panel of judges 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 judges for evaluation.

AWARDS: The winners and honorable mentions from each of the four categories will be published in the Spring 2025 edition of Army AL&T magazine. In the case of a tie, each submission will be recognized. The four winners will also be honored at the annual U.S. Army Acquisition Executive’s Excellence in Leadership Awards Ceremony in Washington, D.C., currently scheduled to be held on Jan. 9, 2025.

POC: For questions, contact Ms. Karen Kurtz at karen.d.kurtz2.civ@army.mil or (703) 545-0803 (office) or 571-232-4228 (mobile).