

## **CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS – 13th Annual Competition**

### **2026 Maj. Gen. Harold J. “Harry” Greene Awards for Acquisition Writing**

The 13th annual Maj. Gen. Harold J. “Harry” Greene Awards for Acquisition Writing, a competition designed to encourage critical writing on Army acquisition challenges and successful efforts to overcome them, will launch on Jul. 14, 2026, and conclude on Oct. 13, 2026.

Maximum participation is encouraged, especially among members of the Department of War acquisition workforce, although the competition is open to everyone.

**CATEGORIES:** Prospective authors are required to select and write about U.S. Army acquisition in one of the following categories: (1) Acquisition Reform, (2) Future Operations, (3) Innovation, or (4) Lessons Learned.

#### **Acquisition Reform**

Reforming the acquisition process is essential to ensuring the Army can continue to modernize and respond to emerging challenges with speed. To stay ahead, our acquisition enterprise must evolve with it. The Army is focused on streamlining processes, empowering leaders, and fostering collaboration to deliver capabilities faster and more effectively. Authors are encouraged to explore innovative approaches that enhance accountability, agility, and speed.

#### **Future Operations**

Future operations will require the Army to dominate in multidomain operational environments and to adapt to rapidly evolving threats. The integration of advanced technologies and alignment of acquisition priorities with operational needs are critical to success. Authors are invited to consider how acquisition strategies can support the Army’s vision for future operations.

#### **Innovation**

Military superiority has always been about innovation, especially as the U.S. Army is undertaking its largest modernization effort in more than 40 years. Innovation drives the Army’s ability to stay ahead in a competitive and dynamic environment. Authors are encouraged to provide first-hand experience or explore new ideas about how innovation can address key challenges and shape the Army’s future.

#### **Lessons Learned**

Recent conflicts, including lessons from global engagements, have shaped the Army’s approach to acquisition and underscored the importance of flexibility, supply chain resilience, and the ability to scale production. Lessons learned highlight the need for integration of advanced technologies and rapid fielding of capabilities. Authors are invited to reflect on how these lessons can inform acquisition strategies for future challenges.

**SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS:** Submissions, in one of the four categories, must 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-asalt.mbx.acq-writing-awards@army.mil](mailto:usarmy.pentagon.hqda-asalt.mbx.acq-writing-awards@army.mil) with a copy to [karen.d.kurtz2.civ@army.mil](mailto:karen.d.kurtz2.civ@army.mil) by midnight Oct. 13, 2026**, 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 names and commands of the photographers and artists, and the source organization for each chart.

**ELIGIBILITY:** Essays must be original, unpublished and not previously submitted to any other writing competition (including online). 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 writing about U.S. Army acquisition in one of the aforementioned categories. 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 *Behind the Frontlines*, available online on the U.S. Army Acquisition Support Center website, <https://asc.army.mil/web/army-btf/>. In the case of a tie, each submission will be recognized. The winners will also be honored at the annual U.S. Army Acquisition Executive's Excellence in Leadership Awards Ceremony in Washington, D.C., in 2027.

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