

2026 NBA PINNACLE AWARD WINNERS

RADIO

BEST STATION ORIGINATED COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECT

Gold	KLIN	Lincoln	Jack's Walk of Shame
Silver	KAWL/KTMX	York	Microphones for a Mission
Bronze	KIBM	Omaha	Boomstock 2025

SERVICE TO CHILDREN

Gold	KTIC AM	West Point	9-Year Old Cares for Hundreds of Animals
Silver	KRVN	Lexington	Spelling Bee
Bronze	Nebraska Public Media	Lincoln	Online Learning on Snow Days; Others Sled Away

SERVICE TO BUSINESS, INDUSTRY, GOVERNMENT OR EDUCATION

Gold	Nebraska Public Media	Lincoln	Nebraska Utilities Dealing with Energy Growth
Silver	KFAB	Omaha	KFAB Omaha Mayoral Debate
Bronze	KXKT	Omaha	Day of 5,000 Thank You's

SERVICE TO AGRICULTURE

Gold	KRVN	Lexington	FFA Husker Harvest Days Food Drive
Silver	KRVN	Lexington	Mega Monday at the County Fair
Bronze	KRVN	Lexington	Fridays in the Field

BEST SPOT NEWS REPORTING

Gold	KFOR	Lincoln	Lancaster County Wildfires - March, 2026
Silver	Nebraska Public Media	Lincoln	Nebraska Wildfires
Bronze	Nebraska Public Media	Lincoln	Omaha ICE Raid

BEST IN-DEPTH OR INVESTIGATIVE STORY

Gold	KUTT	Fairbury	Food Insecurity
Silver:	Nebraska Public Media	Lincoln	Murder-Suicides Surge in Nebraska
Bronze	KIOS	Omaha	Heal Omaha - Street Medicine

BEST CONTINUING COVERAGE OF A NEWS STORY

Gold	KFAB	Omaha	Fremont Mayor Discusses Building Explosion
Silver:	Nebraska Public Media	Lincoln	UNL Proposes Academic Program Eliminations
Bronze	KUTT	Fairbury	Jefferson County Gives

BEST MULTIPLATFORM JOURNALISM

Gold	KRVN	Lexington	K&K Floral Blooms: A Growing Business
Silver:	Nebraska Public Media	Lincoln	Grand Island Middle Schools Football Rivalry
Bronze	KRVN	Lexington	Spring Wildfires in Nebraska

BEST NEWSCAST

Gold	KRVN	Lexington	KRVN Morning News
Silver	KWBE	Beatrice	KWBE Newscast
Bronze	KNEB AM	Scottsbluff	KNEB AM 4:00 p.m. News

BEST SPORTS PLAY BY PLAY

Gold	KCOW	Alliance	Alliance Boys Basketball vs. McCook
Silver	KRVN	Lexington	Swedes Stage Comeback at State
Bronze	KAWL/KTMX	York	Milford vs. Malcolm Girls Basketball

BEST SPORTS FEATURE STORY

Gold	WJAG	Norfolk	Clarkson/Leigh Co-op Split
Silver	KXPN	Kearney	Cahoy Loses Friend/Teammate Jim Hartung
Bronze	KTIC FM	West Point	Janata Wins First State Title at Howells-Dodge

BEST SPORTSCAST

Gold	KFAB	Omaha	KFAB Sports with Jim Rose
Silver	KFOR	Lincoln	KFOR 7:00 a.m. Sports with Jeff Motz
Bronze	KLIN	Lincoln	KLIN Sports with Nate Rohr

BEST COMMERCIAL

Gold	KAWL/KTMX	York	Shirt Rubs & Sauces from Spring Creek Repair
Silver	KTIC FM	West Point	Hugo Plumbing & Heating - Runaround
Bronze	KBBK	Lincoln	Mark's Plumbing - Same Day

BEST STATION PROMO

Gold	KTIC AM	West Point	More Meat Monday - Old MacDonald
Silver	KOZN	Omaha	Kinda Like N.I.L.
Bronze	KFAB	Omaha	KFAB: A Serious Problem for Men

BEST LOCAL RADIO SHOW

Gold	KQKQ	Omaha	Spicoli + Meg Mornings
Silver	KIBM	Omaha	The Drive Home with Jack Swanda
Bronze	KBBK	Lincoln	Mornings with Brooke & Adam

STATION OF THE YEAR

Winner	KNEB FM	Scottsbluff
Finalist	KFGE	Lincoln
Finalist	KNTK	Lincoln

BEST PODCAST

Gold	KRVN	Lexington	Building Nebraska
Silver	KLIN	Lincoln	Speak Up with Bud Synhorst: Cancer Sucks
Bronze	KFAB	Omaha	Emery Songer: She Rowed Across the Atlantic

BEST USE OF SOCIAL MEDIA PLATFORMS

Gold	KHAS	Hastings	PETA Brings Hell on Wheels to Hastings
Silver	KRVN	Lexington	Surviving the Family Farm
Bronze	KCNI/KBBN	Broken Bow	2025 Sandhills Open Road Challenge