

# CT Press Club

## Mark Twain Journalist of the Year Award

### Award Criteria

Name of Award:

**1<sup>st</sup> Annual Mark Twain Distinguished Journalist of the Year Award**

*Distinguished Journalist may be substituted with words such as Distinguished Author, Broadcaster, Playwright, Communicator, Filmmaker, TV/Theater/Film Director, Producer*

Candidate:

**Contribution to CT/Tie to CT** - Candidate must have made a noted contribution to Connecticut. Candidate should have been born in CT, currently reside or have once lived for a significant period of time in CT or be employed in CT.

**Relevancy to Mark Twain/Diversity of Background** -

Just after his marriage to Olivia Langdon, Mark Twain lived in Hartford for a time, writing travel accounts and lecturing. He also lived and died in Redding, plus founded the Redding library. His funeral was held at Bouton's Funeral Home in Georgetown, CT.

Mark Twain was newspaper writer, travel writer, correspondent, humorist, lecturer, book author, publisher, printer and river boat captain. He lived in U.S. and abroad. He was an entrepreneur and performer. He influenced the American literary scene.

**“Audience Draw”** - Award Candidate may be media celebrity but not necessarily so long as is well-known and highly respected in his/her field. Candidate should be a good speaker.

**In-Person Acceptance of the Award** – Candidate must accept the award in person, unless given post-humously, then award should be accepted by family member(s) and/or close friend/colleague.

Credentials, diversity in talent/knowledge/experience; contribution to CT and media scene; and relevant tie to CT and Mark Twain are all essential in selection of candidate.

Candidate may or may not be CT Press Club member.

Selection:

Award finalist will be selected by the CPC Board with input from Awards Chairman and CPC membership. Award to be given out by CPC President at Awards Banquet, held each May.