



An annual event celebrating moral courage in memory of  
James Wright Foley

# FREEDOM, TRUTH, AND COURAGE: JIM'S LEGACY



In 2014, ISIS brutally murdered American journalist James Wright Foley after two years of captivity. Jim's courage and sacrifice ignited a movement that continues today.

Born in Illinois and raised in New Hampshire, Jim lived a life of service—teaching in underserved schools, mentoring at-risk youth, and reporting from war zones to give voice to ordinary people caught in conflict. His moral courage reminds us that journalism is not just about telling stories—it's about challenging authority and defending truth.

Eleven years later, Jim's legacy continues to drive the Foley Foundation. Our advocacy has helped reshape U.S. hostage policy, creating a government enterprise that has freed 182 Americans from captivity. We stand with families of the detained, advance journalist safety through curricula used at 20+ universities, and lead research and public advocacy to end the scourge of wrongful detention worldwide.

## WITH YOUR SUPPORT WE ARE ABLE TO:

- **Family Support:** Assist families enduring the trauma of hostage-taking by coordinating their engagement with the administration and Congress to directly advocate for their loved one's freedom.
- **Research:** Conduct statistical analyses on international hostage-taking and confidential interviews with families, government officials, and third-party experts to identify victims' needs, inform government reforms, and advance prevention strategies.
- **Public Advocacy:** Provide a platform for hostage families through the media and public forums to reach decision-makers, build public support, and ensure their loved ones are not forgotten.
- **Safety Education:** Equip aspiring journalists and freelancers with the knowledge, tools, and practices needed to stay safe while reporting in high-risk environments.

Jim once said: "Physical courage is nothing compared to moral courage." His example challenges us all to act with courage—and **your contributions help us build a safer, freer world.**

## HISTORY

The Foley Freedom Awards, established in 2016, honor individuals, like Jim, who exemplify moral courage and show compassion for and commitment to securing the freedom of Americans unjustly held captive abroad and journalist safety.

The Freedom Awards have recognized nearly 50 awardees for their commendable work including David Bradley, Ali Soufan, Jason Rezaian, Malala Yousafzai, Roger Carstens, Christiane Amanpour and many more.

## SPONSORS

The Foundation is seeking sponsors to support our critical work.

### PRIOR SPONSORS INCLUDE:

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**2026 JAMES W. FOLEY  
FREEDOM AWARDS RECIPIENTS**



**James W. Foley American Hostage Freedom Award**

**DR. MOHAMMED AL-KHULAIFI**

Qatari Minister of State, Ministry of Foreign Affairs



**World Press Freedom Award**

**Co-Awardee**

**ALSU KURMASHEVA**

Press Freedom Advocate, Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty



**World Press Freedom Award**

**Co-Awardee**

**PAVEL BUTORIN**

Director, Current Time TV & Digital Network led by Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty (RFE/RL)



**Humanitarian Award**

**Co-Awardee**

**BAR BEN YAAKOV**

Co-Founder, Hostages and Missing Families Forum US

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**Robert A. Levinson Excellence in**

**Government Service Award**

**DUSTIN STEWART**

Acting Special Presidential Envoy for Hostage Affairs, U.S. Department  
of State

Learn more about our 2026 awardees at:

**[WWW.FOLEYFREEDOMAWARDS.ORG](http://WWW.FOLEYFREEDOMAWARDS.ORG)**

## EVENT DETAILS



Join us May 5, 2026, at the  
National Press Club in  
Washington, DC

Cocktail attire preferred

VIP in The Fourth Estate Room  
from 5:00 PM – 6:00 PM

Cocktail hour (appetizers, beer &  
wine service) in the First  
Amendment & Holeman Lounges  
beginning at 6:00 PM

Dinner will be served in the  
Ballroom at 7:00 PM

Awards begin promptly at  
8:00 PM



# SPONSORSHIP LEVELS

	<b>Platinum</b> <b>\$50,000</b>	<b>Gold</b> <b>\$25,000</b>	<b>Silver</b> <b>\$10,000</b>	<b>Bronze</b> <b>\$7,500</b>	<b>Friend of Jim</b> <b>\$1,500</b>
<b>VIP Reception</b>	12 VIP Tickets	6 VIP Tickets	4 VIP Tickets	2 VIP Tickets	-
<b>Tickets</b>	17 Tickets Premiere Seating	9 Tickets Premiere Seating	7 Tickets	5 Tickets	This donation covers the cost of 2 tickets for hostage family guests
<b>Recognition included in Opening Remarks</b>	Name/Company mentioned in opening remarks	Name/Company mentioned in opening remarks	-	-	-
<b>Awards Attendee Gift</b>	Name/Logo featured on first sponsor page of official Awards appreciation gift	Name/Logo featured in official Awards appreciation gift	Name featured in official Awards appreciation gift	-	-
<b>“Bringing Americans Home” Report</b>	Advanced Briefing	Advanced Briefing	Advanced Briefing	-	-
<b>Social Media</b>	Name/Logo included in 3 dedicated social media posts	Name/Logo included in 2 dedicated social media posts	Name/Logo included in 1 dedicated social media post	-	-
<b>Step &amp; Repeat</b>	Name/Logo	Name/Logo	Name/Logo	Name/Logo	-
<b>Email Marketing</b>	Name/Logo & Hyperlink	Name/Logo & Hyperlink	Name/Logo	Name/Logo	-
<b>Day-Of Marketing &amp; Signage</b>	Name/Logo	Name/Logo	Name/Logo	Name/Logo	-
<b>Event Slideshow</b>	Name/Logo	Name/Logo	Name/Logo	Name/Logo	-
<b>Event Website</b>	Name/Logo & Hyperlink	Name/Logo & Hyperlink	Name/Logo	Name/Logo	Name

The Foley Freedom Awards is a fundraiser that is critical to sustaining our work to advocate for American hostages and wrongful detainees held abroad and promote journalist safety. Sponsorships enable the Foley Foundation to reserve complimentary tickets for hostage families and survivors of hostage-taking to attend at no cost.

# SPONSORSHIP FORM

**Please complete this form to confirm your sponsorship. All sponsors must inform the Foundation of their intention to utilize seating no later than April 1, 2026. Payment is due by June 1, 2026.**

**Forms may be returned via email or mail to:**

Amy Coyne: amy.coyne@jamesfoleyfoundation.org  
James W. Foley Legacy Foundation  
200 Marcy Street, Suite 102  
Portsmouth, NH 03801

## Sponsorship Opportunities

- \$50,000 Platinum Sponsor
- \$25,000 Gold Sponsor
- \$10,000 Silver Sponsor
- \$7,500 Bronze Sponsor
- \$1,500 Friend of Jim

## Payment Information

- Please send me an invoice
- I have enclosed a check made payable to:  
James W. Foley Legacy Foundation
- I will pay online

## Contact Information

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Company Name (or as you wish to be acknowledged)

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Contact Person's Name

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**Thank you for supporting the 2026 James W. Foley Freedom Awards.**

Once we receive your completed sponsorship form, we will contact you to discuss arrangements, sponsorship benefits, and recognition. Please send high-resolution color and black and white logos (.EPS or Vector are preferred) to amy.coyne@jamesfoleyfoundation.

