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**You've got to be in it to win it: entries now open for 2010
Young Journalist of the Year Award**

Julia Medew, *The Age* reporter who won last year's Young Australian Journalist of the Year Award for her fantastic work on Victoria's flawed health system, is getting ready to pack her bags for a three-week tour of newsrooms in the UK and US, with a cool \$5,000 in her pocket.

This year, you can follow in her footsteps, jetting off to New York or London as the winner of the Walkley Foundation's prestigious Young Australian Journalist of the Year Award.

But first... You have to enter!

Entries for the 2010 awards are now open at www.walkleys.com and will close at 5pm on Friday March 19.

The **Young Australian Journalist of the Year Awards** recognise and reward the emerging generation of Australian journalistic talent.

Awards will be made in five categories: print, television, radio, online and photography. The overall winner will receive a three-week trip to visit media organisations in London or New York and A\$5,000 spending money.

FOXTEL is the major sponsor of the Awards along with category sponsors the ABC, Nikon, Sky News, News Community Media and supporters Qantas, August, BBC World and CNN.

Entry is open to Australian journalists aged 26 or under, employed full-time or freelance, and final-year university students who have had work published, broadcast or televised through Australian media outlets in the past 12 months.

Chris Warren, the federal secretary of the Media Alliance said: "We're thrilled to host this award which encourages the emergence of our brightest young talent and ensures the healthy future of our industry."

"Since we have hosted this award we've seen some fine work, which stands on its own merits. This is the next crop of Walkley winners."

FOXTEL chief executive Kim Williams said, "In addition to providing our customers with the diversity and choice of over 10 news channels including locally produced channels SKY NEWS, SKY NEWS BUSINESS CHANNEL, A-PAC and SKY NEWS Active, our proud partnership with the Walkley Foundation in sponsoring this initiative plays a part in our contribution to fostering young and creative talent in Australian journalism".

Entry is online at: www.walkleys.com The awards ceremony will be held in Sydney on June 23, 2010. Watch the website for event details.

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