

STUDENT JOURNALISM OF THE YEAR

MIPA ANNUAL COMPETITION

Co-Sponsored by
Missouri Interscholastic Press Association and Journalism Education Association
Official Entry Form
(Please Type)

Name _____

Home address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ e-mail address: _____

Parent(s)/Guardian(s) name _____

School _____

School address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Adviser _____ Phone _____

Principal _____ Phone _____

Hometown Media _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

How long have you been involved in journalism?

1 year 2 years 3 years 4 years more than 4 years

Positions held/specify kind of publication, i.e., newspaper, yearbook, etc.

Publication name	Position	from	to
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

Has any of your work been cited by media? If so, when and what award? (Use separate sheet to explain)

Do you plan to enroll this year in a university journalism degree program? Yes No
What aspect of journalism and mass communication is your career goal? _____

List the colleges that you are considering attending in order of preference; if you have been accepted, check the appropriate space; if you have decided on enrollment, list only the college and check the space:

College	Accepted & considering	Definitely will attend
1. _____	_____	_____
2. _____	_____	_____
3. _____	_____	_____

Please send your portfolio to:

Rod Howe, CJE; Westside High School, 8701 Pacific Street, Omaha, NE 68114

Please send a card to MIPA letting us know your portfolio has been sent:

Doris Barnhart, Missouri School of Journalism, 132 Neff Annex, Columbia, MO 65211-1200

Guidelines for High School Journalist of the Year Application

The Missouri Interscholastic Press Association is again sponsoring a High School Journalist of the Year competition in conjunction with the Journalism Education's National Journalist of the Year competition. The winning Missouri entry is presented a monetary scholarship by MIPA and is entered in the national competition. Scholarship Funds from JEA -- \$5,000 for the top winner, and \$2,000 each for four runners-up—are released when a student enrolls in a college journalism program. Guidelines for entries are as follows:

Guidelines for entry:

- ◆ Be a graduating high school senior.

The Missouri selection committee does NOT require the following JEA criteria but obviously the committee is impressed with a candidate who also happens to meet these:

- ◆ Be planning to study journalism and/or mass communications in college and to pursue a journalism and/or communications career.
- ◆ Have at least 3.0 GPA on a 4.0 scale.
- ◆ Have participated in high school journalism for at least two years.

Submit examples of work showing one or more of the following characteristics:

- 1) Quality and diversity of reporting, writing, photography, design, etc.
- 2) Skilled and creative use of media contest – writing, production, photography, etc.
- 3) Inquiring mind and investigative persistence resulting in in-depth study or studies of issues important to the local high school audience, high school students in general, or society.
- 4) Courageous and responsible handling of responsible issues – local or societal, despite threat of censorship.
- 5) Variety of journalistic experiences, each handled in a quality manner – newspaper, yearbook, broadcast, etc.
- 6) Sustained and commendable work with community media.

Procedure for a student entering the contest:

- ◆ Complete the official entry form.
- ◆ Write a self-analytical evaluation of your “journalistic life,” using your most creative form.
- ◆ An action photo of you doing something journalistic – interviewing someone, taking a photograph, designing a page, doing a broadcast standup or talking to your staff. Winners’ photos will be used in JEA publications.
- ◆ Samples of your work carefully selected to show your quality and diversity of reporting, writing, photography, design, broadcast, online media, etc.
- ◆ Submit an official copy of your transcript, opened and presented as part of portfolio.
- ◆ Give these to your adviser.
- ◆ A self-addressed, padded envelope large enough to hold your portfolio and bearing enough postage to cover the cost of mailing should be included your portfolio is to be returned.

Procedure for the student’s journalism adviser:

- ◆ Help the student secure three or four letters of recommendation from:
 - 1) Yourself, the adviser.
 - 2) Other teachers who know his/her leadership and journalistic abilities.
 - 3) Others with whom he/she has worked.
 - 4) The principal is a desirable source for a letter, but is not absolutely necessary.
- ◆ Collect from the student the entry form, self-evaluation, and portfolio.

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Guidelines for preparation of the portfolio:

The applicant must include the following in a portfolio:

- ◆ Entry material should not exceed 46 one-side or 23 two-sided sheets of 8 ½" by 11" paper.
- ◆ All pages should be inserted into a three-ring binder designed to hold letter-size paper. Plastic sheet protectors are acceptable. All letters should be opened and included as part of the 46 pages.
- ◆ The self-analytical evaluation may include the answer to such questions as:
 - ◆ How do you feel about journalism?
 - ◆ How did you get started in journalism?
 - ◆ What have you had to go through to achieve?
 - ◆ What have you contributed to journalism?
 - ◆ What are your journalism plans for the future?
- ◆ The self-evaluation should be long enough for the judges to reach a decision as to your creative qualifications and short enough not to be redundant (and boring).
- ◆ Three or four letters of recommendation are typically sufficient.
- ◆ A letter from the Principal is desirable but not absolutely necessary.
- ◆ An official copy of the student's transcript must be enclosed.
- ◆ Samples of work should be carefully selected. Provide judges with a good cross-section of your best work rather than everything ever produced. Date, name of publication, and relevance should be on the page with the sample.
- ◆ Include samples showing one or more of the characteristics listed under qualifications for entry. They should be grouped according to what they represent, and these groupings should be labeled.
 1. Skilled and creative use of media content – writing, production, photography, etc.
 2. Inquiring mind and investigative persistence resulting in in-depth study or studies of issues important to the local high school audience, high school students in general or society.
 3. Courageous and responsible handling of sensitive issues – local or societal – despite threat of censorship.
 4. Variety of journalistic experiences, each handled in a quality manner -- newspaper, yearbook, broadcast, photography, Web design, other design work, community and other outside-of-school journalistic work, etc.)
 5. Sustained and commendable work with community media.
- ◆ At least one issue of your newspaper or magazine or photocopies of relevant spreads from your yearbook (not the entire book) should be included so that the judges can see the context of your work. Audio and/or video tape (CD, DVD, Mini DV) should accompany an entry that focuses on broadcast work. Broadcast tape, limited to fifteen (15) minutes) should be cued to the work the judges should view or hear, and should have your name on the tape case.
- ◆ Photocopies of letters, clippings, and art are acceptable; however, original prints of photographs should accompany entries based on published pictures.
- ◆ A self-addressed, padded envelope large enough to hold the entry and bearing enough postage to cover the cost of mailing should be included if the entry is to be returned.

CHECKLIST

- ◆ Entry form
- ◆ Official transcript, opened and presented as part of portfolio (1-2 pages)
- ◆ Self-analytical explanation of your "journalistic life" (1+ pages)
- ◆ 3 or 4 letters of recommendation
- ◆ Portfolio in a three-ring binder showing examples of your best published or broadcast work
- ◆ Self-addressed, large padded envelope with adequate postage for return of your portfolio.
- ◆ Personal photo (1 page)

Questions: Call the Doris Barnhart, MIPA office at 573-882-6031 or Anna Romero at 573-882-2422.

Previous Student Journalists of the Year

- 1969 - Nancy Lewis, Kirkwood High School
- 1970 - Erica Chaney, Charleston High School
- 1971 - William Abrams, Horton Watkins (Ladue) High School, St. Louis
- 1972 - Charles Dunn, Mountain Grove High School
- 1973 - Rory Riddler, St. Charles High School
Becky Whisner, Warrensburg High School
Linda Ann Whelan, Monroe City High School
- 1974 - David LaGesse, St. Charles High School
Jay Leve, Horton Watkins (Ladue) High School, St. Louis
- 1975 - Ann Robinson, Scotland County R-I, Memphis
Nancy Ruhling, Kirkwood High School
- 1976 - Karen Wallensak, Kirkwood High School
Rhonda Metheny, Central High School, Cape Girardeau
- 1977 - Nathaniel Brown, Hickman High School, Columbia
Tom Reese, Kirkwood High School
Joy Howard, Truman High School, Independence
- 1978 - Wendy Kafoury, St. Charles High School
Chris Schipke, Kirkwood High School
- 1979 - Amanda (Mandy) Blanck, Boonville High School
Claudia Kauffman, Center High School, Kansas City
- 1980 - Mark Grimm, Central High School, Cape Girardeau
Kathy Morris, Hickman High School, Columbia
- 1981 - Cliff Cokington, Truman High School, Independence
Steve McCall, Hazelwood West High School
- 1982 - John Goodman, Jefferson City High School
Jordan Smith, William Chrisman High School, Independence
- 1983 - Mary Schulte, Washington High School
- 1984 - Diane Mittler, Kirkwood High School
- 1985 - Joe Barloon, Rockhurst High School, Kansas City
Kyle John, Truman High School, Independence
Teresa Schmedding, Mexico High School
- 1986 - Brad Ward, Scott City High School
- 1987 - Sherry L. Stanton, Platte County High School, Platte City
- 1988 - Jeff Fields, Center High School, Kansas City
- 1989 - Catherine Pegram, William Chrisman High School, Independence
- 1990 - Avani Kherdekar, Mt. Vernon High School
Daniel Berg, Horton Watkins (Ladue) High School, St. Louis
- 1991 - Michael K. Griffin, Kirkwood High School
- 1992 - Audrey Nell Reed, Francis Howell North High School, St. Charles
- 1993 - Jeffrey C. McMurray, Truman High School, Independence
- 1994 - Kristen Aggeler, Hickman Mills High School, Kansas City
- 1995 - Amy Ann Corsale, Liberty High School
- 1996 - Nora Katherine Radley, Francis Howell North High School, St. Charles
- 1997 - Margaret Marie Heger, Ladue Horton Watkins High School, St. Louis
- 1998 - Lisa Royse, Jefferson City High School
- 1999 - Ann Kettenbrink, Jefferson City High School
- 2000 - Rachel Felix, Park Hill High School
- 2001 - Blythe Terrell, Kirkwood High School
- 2002 - Christopher Young, California High School
- 2003 - Kalen Ponche, Francis Howell North High School, St. Charles
- 2004 - Lauren Miller, Mexico High School
- 2005 - Sarah Handelman, Park Hill South High School
- 2006 - Danielle Karstens, Francis Howell North High School
- 2007 - Tess Olsen, Hickman High School, Columbia
- 2008 - Kelly Moffitt, Clayton High School
- 2009 - Tyler Cacek, Rock Bridge High School, Columbia
- 2010 - Johanna Mayer, Washington High School
- 2011 - Morgan Said, St. Teresa's Academy