

Journalism Educators of Minnesota & Minnesota High School Press Association

Journalist of the year

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Mail portfolios by Friday, May 15 to Laurie Hansen Stillwater Area High School
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One more chance to enter a portfolio for Minnesota's journalist of the year!

The Minnesota High School Press Association and Journalism Educators of Minnesota have a \$300 scholarship to offer the top student journalist in the state. Even though the national journalist of the year competition has passed, these two organizations would like to honor exemplary student work by a senior planning to study journalism and/or mass communications.

Applicant Qualifications:

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

Portfolio Checklist:

- Complete the official entry form
- Write a self-analytical essay of your "journalistic life"

- Include an action photo of you doing something journalistic
- An official copy of your transcript
- Three or four letters of recommendation from advisers/teachers
- A self-addressed stamped envelope for your portfolio if you want it returned

Preparing your Portfolio:

- Entry material should not exceed 46 one-sided or 23 two-sided pages with applications materials not to exceed an additional 10 pages as follows:
 - a. Application
 - b. Transcript (1-2 pages) This should be opened and inserted as part of the portfolio

- c. Personal photo (1 page)
- d. Self-analytical essay (1+ pages)

- Plastic sheet protectors are acceptable. All letters should be opened and included as part of the total pages

- Insert the pages into a 3-ring binder designed to hold 8 and 1/2 by 11 inch paper.

- Samples of work should be carefully selected. Provide judges with a good cross section of your best work.

- Include at least one issue of your newspaper or magazine or photocopies of your yearbook pages so judges can see the context of your work.

- Three or four letters of recommendation from advisers/teachers