

Northern Interscholastic Press Association
JOURNALIST OF THE YEAR, 2007
PHOTOGRAPHER OF THE YEAR, 2007

Deadline for entries: **Postmarked by Friday, April 2, 2007**

SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS:

Advisers wishing to nominate either student journalists or student photographers will need to comply with the following submission criteria.

- Have student complete the entry form (on next page)
- Include a copy of the student's academic transcript
- Have a student sign the NIPA Release of Information
- Include a wallet-sized photograph (for publicity purposes)
- Include examples of the student's work in school publications (may submit printed photos, originals or both if a photographer; may submit published copies of stories or tear sheets if a journalist)
- A self-analytical evaluation of your "journalistic life," using your most creative form. (Although NIPA certainly likes to see students who are "well-rounded" in society's terms, memberships in clubs, church groups, etc., this doesn't necessarily indicate that the student is any more qualified than one who doesn't join other activities. Include these activities only if you can support the idea that through involvement, this particular student has seized more photographic or journalistic opportunities).
- Three letters of recommendation from: 1. Adviser 2. Principal 3. Someone familiar with the student's abilities and work habits, i.e., an editor of the publication or perhaps the publishing representative of a yearbook company.
- A self-addressed, padded envelope with adequate postage if you want your portfolio returned.

Entry material should not exceed 35 sheets of 8 ½ X 11 paper.

QUALIFICATIONS FOR NOMINEES FOR JOURNALIST/PHOTOGRAPHER OF THE YEAR

1. Must be a graduating senior.
2. Must be planning to study journalism in college and pursue a journalism career.
3. Must have a 3.0 GPA on a 4.0 scale.
4. Must have participated in high school journalism for at least two years.
5. Must submit examples of work showing one or more of the following characteristics:
 - skilled and creative use of media content (writing, production, photography, etc.)
 - inquiring mind and investigative persistence resulting in in-depth study or studies of issues of importance either to the local school audience or to high school students in general an/or society
 - courageous and responsible handling of controversial issues (local or societal) despite threats or imposition of censorship
 - variety of journalistic experiences, each handled in a quality manner
 - sustained and commendable work with community media

**ENTRY FORM FOR
JOURNALIST OF THE YEAR AND/OR
PHOTOGRAPHER OF THE YEAR
2007**

Student's name

Award sought (Journalist of the Year or Photographer of the Year)

School and school address

Student's signature

Adviser's name

Preferred phone contact number

Adviser's signature

School phone number