

# IHSPA Spring Newspaper Contest Rules

POSTMARK DEADLINE: MARCH 10

\$5 PER CATEGORY ENTRY FEE

## Eligibility

All entries must be the work of individual students, and only one student should be listed on each entry. In the case of team reporting, the primary reporter / writer is to be listed.

Each entry must have appeared in print between March 10 of last year and March 10 of this year. Entries must be the work of students enrolled during the current academic year.

Each school is limited to three entries in each of 14 Newspaper Contest categories. The maximum total entries from each school is 42, if a school has three entries in each of the 14 categories.

If desired, one student may submit the school's allotted three entries in a given category.

## Determining the right classification

The contest has three major classifications. Please read carefully and place your newspaper in the correct class.

Both School Publication classes include schools that print either an insert or pull-out section in the local paper or print a separate student newspaper or newsmagazine. The Page in the Local Paper category is intended for those papers that must work within the size restrictions of the local paper.

If your paper does not appear on a regular full-sized page of the local newspaper, you must enter the correct School Publication class for your school's enrollment. We will move any newspapers that do not comply with this restriction to the appropriate class.

### Classes Include:

#### School Publication, Class A

Enrollment in grades 10-12 is 600 or less.

#### School Publication, Class B

Enrollment in grades 10-12 is more than 600.

#### Page in the Local Paper

This class includes all schools that print their newspapers on a portion of or a full page in the local newspaper. Please read the information to the left carefully if you think your school might belong in this category.

## Preparing your submissions

One entry form must be attached to each single entry (which may include multiple issues or pages in some categories, such as Columns, Layouts and Graphics). If a school sends three entries for one category, each of the entries will need a separate form.

Only one Business Form, found on the second page of this document, is required from each school.

Submit the complete page or facsimile with each entry circled in red. Photography submissions, should include a tearsheet with the published photo. Both color and black and white photos are accepted.

No additional information is required. Students' or advisers' written remarks giving background related to time spent or the study techniques used in accomplishing the final product or other background information will result in disqualification of that entry. Each submission must stand on its own merit without potentially prejudicial material added.

## From In-Depth Reporting to Layout and Design: Contest offers 14 different categories

### Writing Categories

**News Story:** Advance or cover news stories. Uses straight, objective news reporting.

**In-Depth Reporting:** Stories that probe beyond the normal 5 Ws and How that are based on research and extensive interviewing. Interpretation and/or analysis of issues and events are included in this category.

**Columns:** Serious or humorous columns under a by-line. Send two columns by the same author from separate editions. Each pair of columns will be considered as one entry. Does not include gossip or sports columns. Must be an expression of a student. Will be judged on subject coverage and style of writing.

**Editorial:** Any type of editorial may be entered. It may be judged on reader interest, originality, appropriateness, clarity of purpose and effectiveness.

**Features:** Any story including human interest, entertainment or information is eligible.

**Personality Profile:** An in-depth feature capturing the essence of an individual subject's personality.

**Sports:** Enter all sports stories here: news, features or columns.

### Photography Categories

**General News:** Photos run alone or with a news story. May be planned and should have storytelling value.

**Feature:** Photos that stress the human interest, mood or emotional appeal over news value. This includes photos run with feature stories.

**Sports:** Photos that cover sports stories or stand alone. Submit any sports-related photos.

### Graphics & Illustrations Categories

**Editorial Cartooning:** Original cartoons pertaining to school, local, state or national topics are acceptable. Characters are to be original; copies from other artists (for example, *Peanuts* characters) are not eligible for this contest.

**Graphics:** Send two complete issues for graphics category judging (no need to circle in red for this category). For this category, we will look at nameplate, standing headlines and other typographic effects. Attach one form to each entry, which should include two issues.

**Illustrations:** Drawings and photo-mechanical techniques. Send the entire page(s) on which the category appears. Circle the individual item or outline the entire page(s) in red.

**Layout and Design:** Up to three, one or two-page spreads may be included in each entry. Attach one entry form to each entry.

**Advertising:** This is not a separate category, but advertisements may be entered under the most appropriate category, usually illustrations.

## Professional journalists serve as contest judges

Contest judges are members of the professional media. Newspaper and photography entries are judged by members of the Iowa Newspaper Association.

Winners will be announced and individual certificates sent in May. Trophies will be presented to sweepstakes winners at the Fall Conferences.

**For information on the cost of entering IHSPA's Spring Newspaper Contest, please see the Business Form that is part of this document.**

**Judges reserve the right to re-categorize entries if necessary.**

# IHSPA Spring Newspaper Contest Official Business Form

Please type or print legibly, and provide names as they should appear on awards.

School Name _____	Publication Name _____	
Street _____	City/State/Zip _____	
Adviser's Name _____	Adviser's Signature _____	Date _____
Adviser's Email _____		

Check Class:

\_\_\_ School Publication: Class A (Enrollment in grades 10-12, 600 or less)

\_\_\_ School Publication: Class B (Enrollment in grades 10-12, more than 600)

\_\_\_ Page in the Local Paper (See rules page to determine if your school qualifies.)

## Entry Fee Information

Each school is limited to three entries in each of 14 Newspaper Contest categories. A \$5 fee must be included for each category entered, whether one or the maximum of three entries are entered. For example, if a school enters one news story, three feature stories, two sports photographs and three illustrations, the total fee would be \$20 because only four categories were entered, even though nine individual entries were submitted. The maximum contest fee is \$70 if a school enters all 14 categories. The maximum total entries from each school is 42. If desired, one student may submit the school's allotted three entries in a given category.

Please refer to the rules pages, also a part of this document, before submitting entries in the contest.  
(Circle number of entries in each category)

<b>Categories</b>	<b>Fee</b>	<b>Categories</b>	<b>Fee</b>
<b>Writing Contest</b>			
News Story	1 2 3 \$5.00	In-depth Reporting	1 2 3 \$5.00
Columns	1 2 3 \$5.00	Editorial	1 2 3 \$5.00
Features	1 2 3 \$5.00	Personality Profile	1 2 3 \$5.00
Sports	1 2 3 \$5.00		
<b>Photo Contest</b>			
General News	1 2 3 \$5.00	Feature	1 2 3 \$5.00
Sports	1 2 3 \$5.00		
<b>Graphics and Illustration Contest</b>			
Editorial Cartooning	1 2 3 \$5.00	Graphics	1 2 3 \$5.00
Illustration	1 2 3 \$5.00	Layout and Design	1 2 3 \$5.00

**Total Enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_ Categories x \$5.00 each = \_\_\_\_\_**

*Make checks payable to: Iowa High School Press Association*

**On or before March 10, mail this form, individual entry forms attached to entries and payment to :**

IHSPA Spring Newspaper Contest  
100 Adler Journalism Building, Room E346  
University of Iowa  
Iowa City, IA 52242-2004

# IHSPA Spring Newspaper Contest Official Entry Form

**Staple this or a copy to each entry. For more information on contest rules and fees, please refer to the Newspaper Contest Rules & Official Business Form.**

Student's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Headline or Description of Entry \_\_\_\_\_

Publication Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Entry's Publication \_\_\_\_\_

School Name \_\_\_\_\_

Adviser's Name \_\_\_\_\_

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Page in the Local Paper

*Please circle the appropriate category.*

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News Story

In-depth Reporting

Columns

Editorial

Features

Personality Profile

Sports

## **Photo Categories**

General News

Feature

Sports

## **Graphics and Illustration Categories**

Editorial Cartooning

Graphics

Illustrations

Layout and Design

**Entries must be postmarked no later than March 10.**

✂ The above form has been duplicated below for your copying convenience. Please cut these forms apart and attach one to each entry. ✂

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