

# Administrator of the Year Award

IHSPA will present to outstanding school administrators an award to acknowledge their support of journalism education within their schools or districts. Please nominate one or more administrators who fulfill all or several of the following criteria. We are especially looking for those administrators who made an exceptional effort in the past school year. Individuals who receive this award must fulfill all or several of the following criteria:

## 1. Support of Journalism Education.

- a. Provides curricular leadership that places journalism/mass media classes within the approved credit offerings in the language arts program.
- b. Supports journalism/mass media classes by hiring certified teachers in those areas when such positions need filling.
- c. Provides resources necessary to maintain quality journalism and mass media classes—equipment, physical facilities, texts and other educational materials.

## 2. Support of School for Publications/Media Outlets.

- a. Provides a qualified adviser to coordinate students who work on school newspapers, newsmagazines, yearbooks, literary magazines, broadcast outlets and other school media.
- b. Follows guidelines consistent with the First Amendment to the Constitution, Iowa law and the federal courts regarding students' rights to freedom of expression.
- c. Provides the adviser time during the school day to serve as coordinator of student media outlets.
- d. Compensates media advisers on similar pay scale with those also involved in coordinating co-curricular school activities—athletic coaches, directors of plays, music directors, and the like.
- e. Provides physical facilities, equipment and budgets to assure the maintenance and growth of successful school media outlets.

## 3. Active Contributions to Education in General.

- a. Acknowledged by educational groups for outstanding leadership.
- b. Contributes articles to state and national publications, or provides educational research in the form of academic papers.
- c. Affiliated with local, state and national educational organizations as an officer, committee member and the like.

To make a nomination, complete the application below and include a cover letter that explains or illuminates basic information requested on this form. Please use school stationery. Attach other supporting evidence if more room is needed. Nominations must be postmarked by May 1.

## Administrator of the Year Award

Nominee: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Graduate Degree: \_\_\_\_\_

Area: \_\_\_\_\_

Institution/Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Administrative Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Years in present assignment: \_\_\_\_\_

Years in education: \_\_\_\_\_

School or District: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

**Write a letter on school stationery telling how the administrator fulfilled the following criteria (see column to left).**

1. Support of Journalism Education.
2. Support of School Publications/Media Outlets.
3. Active Contributions to Education in General.

**Please send this form and letter by May 1 to:**

IHSPA Administrator of the Year Award  
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Iowa City, IA 52242-2004