



# OUTSTANDING YOUNG NEBRASKA JOURNALIST AWARD



## NEBRASKA PRESS ASSOCIATION

### PURPOSE OF THE AWARD

The OUTSTANDING YOUNG NEBRASKA JOURNALIST AWARD was created and funded by Zean & Marilyn Carney, former publishers of four Nebraska newspapers and past president of the Nebraska Press Association. Both the Nebraska Press Association and the Nebraska Press Advertising Service will sponsor the award competition each year. Carney noted that “money isn’t the only thing a journalist is after, they’re after recognition of their craft and work.” Others noted that this award is one way to nourish and keep our young journalists in community newspapers.

Each year two nominees will be selected from the weekly newspaper field and two nominees from the daily field with the first place nominees receiving a \$500 check and a plaque. The second place nominees will receive a plaque. Note, only weekly newspaper nominees will be considered in the weekly category, and only daily newspaper nominees will be considered in the daily category.

### AWARD CRITERIA

The nominee must be a reporter, editor, photographer, graphic designer, production or advertising professional who has worked for at least one year with a legal Nebraska newspaper and for his or her current employer in Nebraska.

The young journalist nominee must be under the age of thirty (30) years as of December 31 the year prior to award presentation (contest year).

The nominee is not eligible to apply the following year after winning first place in the competition.

A select panel of judges appointed by the Executive Director of NPA/NPAS will consider among other items, the nominee’s professionalism, creativity, comments or statements on goals, impact of their work on print journalism, the community or journalistic excellence.

### NOMINATION GUIDELINES

1. The Young Nebraska Journalist candidate or his or her editor or publisher may submit entry nominations. The nominee newspapers, publishers or executives must be members of the Nebraska Press Association.

2. Entrant nominees must submit six examples of their work product within the past two years along with a statement from the editor or publisher, and a statement from a person of the nominee’s choice attesting to the nominee’s qualifications.

3. Each entry must include a statement of not less than 150 words written by the nominee telling of his or her journalistic goals and this statement must be included with all other entry materials. The nominee must also submit a photocopy of their Nebraska drivers license.

4. All entries should be sent to the NPA office at the Lincoln address noted below in a 9 X 12 envelope and labeled “Outstanding Young Nebraska Journalist Award.”

5. If certain entry materials must be returned after the competition, special arrangements should be made with the NPA office staff. Contest materials, with the permission of the nominees, may be used for education or instructional purposes by NPA/NPAS.

6. It is considered that the winning nominees give permission to NPA to have the samples or examples of their work published in contest newspapers that may be produced for conventions, or shown in any convention contest videos or presentations.

7. The deadline for contest entries by nominees will be on **February 17, 2014**.

8. Information, instructions, guidelines and inquiries will be available from the Nebraska Press Association/Nebraska Press Advertising Service office located at 845 “S” St., Lincoln, NE 68508. The office can be reached by calling 1-800-369-2850 or 402-476-2851, or by fax at 402-476-2942. The e-mail address is [nebpress@nebpress.com](mailto:nebpress@nebpress.com). Information can be found and downloaded from the web site: [www.nebpress.com](http://www.nebpress.com)

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