



Nebraska Press Association
 Master Editor-Publisher Award
 Nomination Form

The Best of
THE BEST

 2014

Eligibility: This award may be given to any person who at the time of the selection is a present or former publisher or editor of a Nebraska Newspaper, either weekly or daily. Nominations must come from an executive or employee of a Nebraska newspaper which is a member of the NPA; however, no family member may nominate another family member.

The selection procedure: The president of the Nebraska Press Association shall name four other members to join him or her in the selection process.

The selection shall be made, sometime after the New Year and at least a month prior to the annual state convention.

No committee member may be among the nominees. This award may be given to any person who at the time of the selection is a present or former publisher or editor of a Nebraska newspaper, either weekly or daily.

The committee members will vote for the person they wish to receive the award based on this criteria:

- The nominee has worked hard and lived honorably;
- The nominee has thought soundly and influenced unselfishly;
- The nominee, through his or her newspaper connections, has been active in a variety of ways in his or her community or in the state or nation. This may or may not include being active in press association affairs;
- The nominee has been a practitioner of his or her craft in the production of a quality newspaper product.

Nominations will be retained for three years. After that an individual must be nominated again or dropped from consideration.

I nominate:

Nominated by:

(name)

(your name)

(newspaper)

(newspaper)

(address)

(address)

(city, state zip)

(city, state zip)

Please include a biography and any letters of recommendation along with this nomination form to supply information that will be helpful in deciding the award winner. Information should be as complete as possible.

Deadline for entries is February 17, 2014. The recipient will be announced at the Friday banquet at the NPA Annual Convention in April. Please complete and return this form to:

**Susan Watson
 Nebraska Press Association
 845 "S" St.
 Lincoln, NE 68508.**



Nebraska Newspaper Hall of Fame

Deadline for nominations is February 17, 2014.

It is time to nominate distinguished journalists for our Hall of Fame. This is a most appropriate way to honor those who have honored us by their contributions to our profession and to our state and nation.

Please enter the name(s) of one or more persons you believe deserve this honor.

Here are the rules:

1. Persons living or dead may be nominated.
2. Nominees should have made a significant contribution to print, their communities and/or their state and nation.
3. Nominees may come from any facet of the newspaper business, such as news, business, management, photography or any combinations.
4. Nominees must have spent a significant percentage of their newspaper careers in Nebraska.

Some other considerations of importance:

- Winners of the Master Editor-Publisher Award are **not** automatically nominated.
- Nominees not selected this year will automatically be eligible for consideration the following year, but no longer than that.
- Nominations may come from persons not affiliated with NPA.
- Additions to the Hall of Fame may or may not be an annual event and there is no established maximum or minimum number for admission at one time.

Nominations must include a completed form (see reverse), a detailed biography of the nominee and other appropriate documentation.

The selection committee will consist of the president of Nebraska Press Association who shall be chairman, the vice president, and the immediate past president of the association, the Dean of the University of Nebraska Journalism College, and one other representative of the Journalism College selected by the Dean. In the event a member of the committee cannot serve, the NPA president shall appoint a replacement for that year.

Send nominations to:

Susan Watson

Nebraska Press Association

845 "S" St., Lincoln, NE 68508-1226

Previous winners include: Norris Alfred, Tom Allan, Harold Andersen, Bess Furman Armstrong, Charlyne Radke Berens, Dr. A. L. Bixby, Keith Blackledge, Bob Bogue, Shirley Brown Bogue, Mentor Brown, William Jennings Bryan, Don Bryant, Glenn A. Buck, August F. Buechler, Earle "Buddy" Bunker, Zean Carney, Willa Cather, Neale Cople, W.F. Cramb, Walter Christenson, J. Alan Cramer, Viola Herms Drath, Frank O. Edgecombe, John Edgecombe, Sr., Tyler Edgecombe, Reva Evans, Leslie Dale Falter, Ronald R. Furse, Dewaine Gahan, Art C. Gardner, Charles H. Gere, Gilbert M. Hitchcock, Edgar Howard, Gene Huse, Jerry Huse, Burt James, Loral Johnson, Will Owen Jones, Gene Kemper, James E. Lawrence, Dick Lindberg, Jack Lowe, Earl M. Marvin, John Alexander MacMurphy, Walt Mason, Gregg McBride, Sterling H. McCaw, William McCleery, Alan Cunningham McIntosh, Henry Mead, Dr. George L. Miller, Charles Mohr, Gene Morris, J. Sterling Morton, John G. Nieghardt, Harvey E. Newbranch, Will Norton, Jr., William C. "Bill" Nuckolls, Reed O'Hanlon, Jr., Barney Oldfield, Mary Blythe Packwood, Bud Pagel, Ruth Best Pagel, Robert J. Pinkerton, Jack Pollock, Emerson R. Purcell, Jim Raglin, Emil W. Reutzel, Jr., Kenneth Hilton Rhoades, Eugene Robb, Fred W. Rose, Gilbert Savery, James C. Seacrest, Joe R. Seacrest, Fred Seaton, Charles Sumner "Cy" Sherman, Carroll "Cal" Stewart, Allen D. Strunk, Harry D. Strunk, John Hyde Sweet, Jack Tarr, Jack Thompson, Henry Trysla, Paul F. Wagner, Lester A. Walker, Kent Warneke, Lee Warneke, H. J. Wisner and Asa B. Wood.

What is the Hall of Fame?

The Hall of Fame was started in 1973 by Jack Lowe, retired longtime editor and co-publisher of the Sidney Telegraph. The Hall of Fame will honor persons who have distinguished themselves in printed journalism. It was one of the projects of the Jack Lowe Community Journalism Fund at the University of Nebraska College of Journalism and Mass Communications. Since the Hall of Fame has started, it has inducted 85 journalists.

NEBRASKA JOURNALISM HALL OF FAME NOMINATION

DATE: _____

YOUR NAME: _____

YOUR NEWSPAPER: _____

NAME OF NOMINEE: _____

NEWSPAPER: _____

NOMINEE'S ADDRESS: _____

CONTACT OR NEXT OF KIN FOR POSTHUMOUS NOMINATION: _____

NOMINEE OR CONTACT TELEPHONE: _____

Biography of your nominee. (Please include all required data on the individual nominated and follow the enclosed rules.)

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Nominations must be received by February 17, 2014.



THE LEADERSHIP NEBRASKA AWARD

Nebraska Press Association



AWARD PROMOTES LEADERSHIP: With the recommendation of past presidents and the approval of the board of directors, the Nebraska Press Association has instituted an award for the newspaper, publisher or executive that best promotes, recognizes or fosters leadership in the community, region or state. Nominees must be members of the Nebraska Press Association. The award is given annually at an appropriate function at the Annual NPA Convention in April.

THE LEADERSHIP NEBRASKA AWARD was conceived by Don Harpst Jr. in loving memory of his father Don Harpst Sr., and was funded by a major gift from the Harpst Family. The award does include an appropriate plaque and a cash award.

This award does not interfere with or compete with the Better Newspaper Contest which is based on journalistic excellence.

The deadline for submission of nominees will be February 17, 2014.

A panel of five past presidents appointed by the current President will serve as the judges for this award each year.

THE LEADERSHIP NEBRASKA AWARD

Recognizing the Nebraska Newspaper or Publisher that best promotes LEADERSHIP within their community, region, or state

PURPOSE OF THE AWARD

THE LEADERSHIP NEBRASKA Award was created and funded by the Harpst Family to recognize a Nebraska Press Association newspaper or publisher (or executive of such paper) that best illustrates efforts in promoting leadership within their community such as news articles about youth groups that foster leadership, community leadership organizations and their participants, or information about alumni of leadership groups and success stories as these individuals go on to actual community leadership posts. The Harpst Family wishes "that this award be given to the best newspaper coverage for future and present community leaders".

AWARD CRITERIA

The criteria for this award is flexible to accommodate a wide range of journalistic endeavors that promote, recognize or foster leadership or leadership opportunities within a community, region or even the state, including (but not limited to) the following:

- *photo essay
- *editorial or series of editorials
- *news articles
- *feature story or stories
- *promotional activities
- *reward and award programs, and/or recognition events

This award is to recognize leadership and leadership potential, not service or mere participation in an activity or event. The award donors "believe it is important to develop leaders in Nebraska at all levels".

NOMINATION GUIDELINES

- 1. Nominee newspapers, publishers or executives must be members of the Nebraska Press Association.**
- 2. Nominations should be made in writing and should include biographical information, along with any appropriate supporting documents explaining the reasons the nominee should receive the award. Letters and exhibits supporting the nominee are welcome.**
- 3. No limitations are placed on the length of such information submitted, but conciseness and clarity are suggested, even encouraged.**
- 4. Artistic qualities of the nomination submissions (such as the use of graphics, photographs, etc.) will not be considered in the selection of the award recipient.**
- 5. Any Nebraska Press Association member can submit a nomination.**
- 6. Award nominations can carry over for two years, after which a new nomination must be submitted, if the nominee does not win in the first year of nomination.**
- 7. No entry fee shall be required.**

JUDGES

Nominations will be evaluated by The Leadership Nebraska Award Committee. This committee shall have a membership of five active Nebraska Press Association Past Presidents. Should a member of the Award Committee be nominated for the award, he/she will be eligible for the nomination and award, but be disqualified from serving on the committee, and a replacement will be appointed by the President or Vice President.

AWARD PRESENTATION

This Leadership Nebraska Award is given by the Harpst Family in loving memory of Don Harpst, Sr. His biography here follows:

The first thing Don Harpst Sr. did when he bought "The Indianola Reporter" in 1940, was to organize the Rotary Club. From there leadership developed among its members. Since then and subsequent years community leadership was visible in other newspapers that he purchased in Cambridge, Wilsonville, Eustis and Curtis. Harpst lost his father at the age of 10 and his mother moved the family from Ohio to Southern Texas where she bought a weekly newspaper in LaFeria. Don learned the trade and bought his first newspaper on a "note and a prayer"! He became active in the Nebraska Press Association in 1957 and served as President in 1965. Don Harpst Sr. died in 1984 and is buried in Cambridge.

Deadline is February 17, 2014



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. Information can be found and downloaded from the web site: www.nebpress.com

Deadline for nominations is February 17, 2014!!



Nebraska Press Association Golden Pica Pole Award

(50 or more years service to Nebraska newspapers)



Nomination Form

Name of nominee: _____ Phone: _____

Current Mailing address of nominee: _____

Number of years employed in newspaper business: _____

Locations Worked:

No. of Years:

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Is the nominee presently employed? Yes _____ No _____

If yes, where presently employed? _____

Present job title: _____

Nomination submitted by: _____

Title: _____

Newspaper: _____

Date: _____

Return this form by February 17, 2014 to:



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