



# OUTSTANDING YOUNG NEBRASKA JOURNALIST AWARD

NEBRASKA PRESS ASSOCIATION



## PURPOSE OF THE AWARD

The OUTSTANDING YOUNG NEBRASKA JOURNALIST AWARD was created and funded in 2001 by Zean and Marilyn Carney. Zean is a past president of the Nebraska Press Association, Nebraska Journalism Hall of Fame inductee, Master Editor-Publisher recipient, and is the retired publisher of the Wahoo Newspaper, Waverly News, Ashland Gazette and David City Banner-Press.

The annual award -- administered by the Nebraska Press Association and the Nebraska Press Advertising Service -- was established to recognize the outstanding work of the state's young journalism talent. The award includes a plaque, \$500 cash stipend and recognition at the NPA's annual convention.

The competition is open to all weekly and daily newspaper journalists, including reporters, photographers, graphic designers, production and advertising professionals, working full time for any legal Nebraska newspaper.

**One winner and runner-up from all weekly and daily entries will be recognized each year.**

The nominee must be under the age of 30, as of December 31 of each competition year. **Past winners are not eligible to enter again.**

A panel of judges, appointed by the NPA/NPAS executive director, will consider each nominee's professionalism, creativity, career goals, impact on their community, and overall journalistic excellence.

## NOMINATION GUIDELINES

1. The young journalist, or his or her editor or publisher, may submit entry nominations. The nominating newspaper, publisher or executives must be members of the Nebraska Press Association.
2. Nominees must submit six examples of their work product (published within the previous 2 years) along with a statement from their editor or publisher, as well as a statement from a person of the nominee's choice attesting to his or her qualifications.
3. Each entry must include a statement of no fewer than 150 words, written by the nominee, telling of his or her journalistic goals. This statement must be included with all other entry materials. The nominee must also submit a photo copy of their Nebraska driver's license.
4. All entries should be sent in a 9x12 envelope to the NPA office in Lincoln (address below). The envelope should be clearly labeled "Outstanding Young Nebraska Journalist Award."
5. If entry materials must be returned after the competition, special arrangements should be made with the NPA office staff. Contest materials, with the permission of nominees, may be used for education or instructional purposes by NPA/NPAS.
6. Winners will give permission to NPA to have their work published in the contest online or print publications produced for conventions or shown during any photo galleries, videos or presentations.
7. **The deadline for nomination submissions is February 22, 2019.**
8. Information, instructions, guidelines and inquiries will be available from the NPA/NPAS office located at 845 "S" St., Lincoln NE 68508. You can also contact them directly at 800-369-2850, or 402-476-2851. The email address is [nebpress@nebpress.com](mailto:nebpress@nebpress.com). More information can be found at [www.nebpress.com](http://www.nebpress.com).

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at the NPA office by February 22, 2019!**