

Journalist of the Year -- Information Sheet

Every MJEА and JEA high school adviser may nominate graduating seniors for Montana Journalist of the Year (JOY). The adviser will submit entries from one or more students from any one or combination of media fields to the JOY competition. The Montana JOY will represent MJEА at both the state and national level. The student's school is required to be a member of both MJEА and JEA.

- MJEА membership forms are available online at: mjeajournalism.com and also are included in this e-mail.
 - JEA membership forms are available online at: <http://jea.org/home/membership/registration/>
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DEADLINE: MARCH 1

Late submissions will not be accepted. The national JEA deadline is March 15.

TO APPLY: The components of the Montana JOY portfolio process align with the national process. Montana students must:

- Meet all state and national requirements and follow guidelines for online portfolio submission.
 - Have an adviser who is a current member of both MJEА and JEA
 - Be a senior who has participated in student media for a minimum of two years.
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REQUIREMENTS

- Resume (PDF)
- Transcript (PDF)
- Application form (PDF)
- Letter from student -- Why is journalism important to you? What impact have you had on your school's journalism program? Why are you the best candidate for the Montana High School Journalist of the Year? (PDF)
- Photo of student working in classroom/school (candid shot) -- (JPG)
- 3 Letters of Recommendation -- One from the adviser and the other two from those who can speak to student's skills and talent, ability to meet deadlines, work ethic, and character traits (PDF)
- URL to student's online portfolio (link to URL)

**All elements listed above should be sent -- no later than March 1 -- to:
linda_ballew@outlook.com**

After the judge (TBA - professional journalist in the state) chooses the winner, Linda will be in touch with the adviser and student so the portfolio can be updated for the national competition.

Montana High School Journalist of the Year **APPLICATION -- Deadline March 1**

Please return this completed application with all of the other elements of your Journalist of the Year application.

FIRST NAME _____ LAST NAME _____

MAILING ADDRESS _____

PHONE (HOME) _____

PHONE (CELL) _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS _____

SCHOOL _____ GRADE _____

ADVISER'S NAME _____

ADVISER'S E-MAIL _____

NOTE: ADVISER MUST BE A MEMBER OF MJEA AND JEA

YEARS INVOLVED IN HS SCHOLASTIC JOURNALISM _____

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF WORK AND POSITION(S) -- (NEWSPAPER, YEARBOOK, ONLINE, BROADCAST, DESIGN, ETC...)

INFORMATION SHEET FOR STUDENTS

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INFORMATION/EXAMPLES:

VISIT the JEA site for detailed information about how to assemble and organize a portfolio of your student's work:

NATIONAL JEA GUIDELINES:

<http://jea.org/home/awards-honors/journalist-of-the-year/contest-requirements-guidelines-2/>

SETTING UP WORDPRESS PORTFOLIO

<http://jea.org/home/awards-honors/journalist-of-the-year/setting-up-a-wordpress-online-portfolio/>

JOURNALIST OF THE YEAR - TOOLBOX

<http://jea.org/home/awards-honors/journalist-of-the-year/joy-candidate-toolbox/>



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Membership Form

NAME:

last

first

HOME INFORMATION:

Street or PO Box

City, State, Zip

phone

cell phone

e-mail

SCHOOL INFORMATION:

SCHOOL NAME _____

Street or PO Box

City, State, Zip

publication phone + ext.

school fax

adviser/publication e-mail

Membership fee: \$35

Make check or money order payable to: MJEА

At this time we cannot accept purchase orders or school vouchers.

If entering the UM journalism contest, mail this membership form and payment to UM with your contest entries. If sending at another time, please mail to:

Beth Britton, MJEА President
C. M. Russell High School
228 17th Ave. NW
Great Falls, MT 59404

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<http://jea.org/home/membership/registration>