



Individual Awards

Entry Form

- **Print Story of the Year**
Enter by Mail
- **Multimedia Story of the Year**
Enter Online
- **Picture of the Year**
Enter Online
- **Design of the Year**
Enter Online
- **Cartooning Awards**
Enter Online

**Enter by
June 13, 2014!**

Rules for all contests on reverse side



Story of the Year Print Categories:

(Single articles only. Limit one entry per category per publication in mailed categories.)

Select a category for entering by mail:

- News (newspapers/newsmagazines only)
- Sports (newspapers/newsmagazines only)
- Editorial (newspapers/newsmagazines only)
- Feature
- Diversity/Multiculturalism

Multimedia Story of the Year Categories:

Enter online at <http://nspacontests.studentpress.org>

Picture of the Year Awards:

All entries for the Picture of the Year Awards must be submitted online at <http://nspacontests.studentpress.org>, not by mail. See rules on reverse side for details.

Design of the Year Awards:

All entries for the Design of the Year Awards must be submitted online at <http://nspacontests.studentpress.org>, not by mail. See rules on reverse side for details.

Cartooning Awards:

All entries for the Cartooning Awards must be submitted online at <http://nspacontests.studentpress.org>, not by mail. See rules on reverse side for details.



2014 NSPA Individual Awards Entry Form

Submit a separate form for each entry. Photocopy form for multiple entries.

Please type or print clearly—award certificates will be printed from the information on this form.

Type of publication (select one):

- Newspaper/newsmagazine/website Yearbook Literary magazine

Student name (s): <i>Entries credited to more than three people will be listed as "Staff"</i>	Year(s) of graduation
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Publication name

School

Publication address

City	State	Zip
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Student home address

City	State	Zip
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Student email address

Adviser name	Adviser phone
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Adviser email address

Adviser signature (required for entry)
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Advisers: By signing above, you verify that the entry is the work of the student(s) named, that you give NSPA permission to publish the submitted work in its print and online publications and that if your publication is not a current member of NSPA as of the contest deadline, you wish to be billed for a basic membership (\$109).

Send to: NSPA Contests
2221 University Ave. SE, Suite 121
Minneapolis, MN 55414

Questions? 612-625-8335
contests@studentpress.org
<http://nspa.studentpress.org>



Deadline for all Individual Awards contests: received by June 13, 2014

(Late entries will not be accepted)

NSPA now has a single entry form for its four individual awards contests. The information directly below applies to all contests, followed by specific information for each contest. Be sure to read all applicable rules before entering any contests, as there are changes from previous years.

Rules for all contests:

Any student on the staff of an NSPA member publication is eligible to enter these contests. There is no entry fee. Per-category (but not per-person) limits apply to each contest; for example, in the case of a two-entry-per-category limit, a publication may enter two entries by the same student or one entry each from two different students.

The entry must have been published in an NSPA member publication between July 1, 2013 and June 13, 2014.

The publication's NSPA membership must be current as of June 13, 2014, the contest deadline, to be accepted into any contest. If your membership is not current, you can download a membership form from <http://nspa.studentpress.org/> (look in the right column, under Form Central) and submitting your renewed membership in the same envelope with your publication's contest entries, or renew your membership online at register.studentpress.org/joinNSPA before entering.

Entries will be judged by working professional journalists or other professionals with experience and expertise in the area of each particular contest.

Winners will be honored at the JEA/NSPA Fall National High School Journalism Convention in Washington, D.C., Nov. 6-9, 2014. Winners will be notified by mail or email about one month prior to the start of the convention. Those unable to attend will receive their award in the mail. Any cash prizes will be mailed to the home address of the student(s), who will be contacted to provide their Social Security number before being issued the check. NSPA also recognizes winners in its publications and on its website. NSPA reserves the right to publish the entrants' work in its print and online publications.

Mailed Entry Contests:

Story of the Year (print categories)

1. Prepare your entry according to the rules for each contest. Do not send the entire publication — only the work pertinent to each category. *Yearbooks:* If your book will not be delivered in time to meet the contest deadline, send a high-quality laser or inkjet print of the page(s) containing the work you wish to enter.

2. Attach a completed entry form with the correct contest category selected. **A separate form must be completed for each entry.** Photocopy the form for multiple entries.

3. Send your entry to the address on the form: NSPA Contests, 2221 University Ave. SE, Suite 121, Minneapolis, MN 55414. *Please send all mailed individual contest entries from your publication together in one envelope.* NSPA strongly recommends sending mailed entries via a trackable shipping service, such as UPS Ground or FedEx. Entries will not be returned.

Online Entry Contests: Picture of the Year/Design of the Year/Cartooning Awards/Multimedia Story of the Year

NSPA accepts submissions for many of its contests only online. To enter the contests listed above, go to <http://nspacontests.studentpress.org>, choose a contest/

category to enter, read the contest rules and follow the instructions to upload your entries as digital files in either JPEG or PDF format (JPEG only for Picture of the Year).

Entrants will receive a confirmation email after each entry is received and verified by NSPA. Please email any questions or problems with the online form to contests@studentpress.org.

File size/quality: When converting images to JPEG from TIFF or other file type, set image quality to the highest setting (lowest compression). PDFs should be generated at the highest possible quality (e.g. Press Quality or PDF/X-4) to ensure fidelity with the printed page. All files should be kept under 20 MB, keeping in mind that such large files can take several minutes each to upload to NSPA.

2014 NSPA Story of the Year Awards

The Story of the Year contest recognizes leadership, quality writing, sensitivity, fairness and initiative in original reporting of a situation, problem or issue affecting students. A panel of professional journalists will select the winners of the Story of the Year contest based upon quality of writing, value of topic and thoroughness and effectiveness of reporting.

The first place winner in each print category of Story of the Year will compete for the \$1,000 **Brasler Prize**.

Print Story of the Year: Send one copy of the article, photocopied onto 8.5 x 11-inch paper, reducing the original pages or cutting them apart, if necessary, to achieve this. Do not send entire papers or tearsheets. See "How to submit an entry" above for further details.

The story may have been written by more than one person. All entries must consist of one article only. A series of articles will not be accepted. There is a limit of one entry per category for each member publication in the News, Feature, Sports, Diversity and Editorial categories. In the multimedia categories, the limit is two per member publication.

Multimedia Story of the Year: NSPA and PBS NewsHour Extra are co-sponsoring the Multimedia Story of the Year contest.



Multimedia stories must utilize at least two of the following elements: Text, audio, video, photos or interactive components such as a map or a timeline. To enter in these categories, submit a URL using the online form at <http://nspacontests.studentpress.org> where the content can be accessed using a Web browser. If the package will no longer be available online during the summer, contact NSPA at contests@studentpress.org for alternate arrangements. Inactive URLs will be disqualified if arrangements are not made. There is a limit of two entries per category for each member publication in the multimedia categories: News, Feature and Sports. More information about individual contest categories is available at the online contest entry page.

2014 NSPA Picture of the Year Awards



The National Press Photographers Association and National Scholastic Press Association are co-sponsoring the 2014 NSPA Picture of the Year Awards.

All entries for the Picture of the Year Awards must be submitted online by up-

loading digital files at the following URL:

<http://nspacontests.studentpress.org>. Entries will not be accepted by mail. Entrants will be asked to provide their digital images in JPEG format, color or black-and-white. If converting to JPEG from TIFF or other file type, set image quality to the highest setting (lowest compression). See "Online Entry Contests" above for further details.

Contest categories are News Picture, Feature Picture, Sports Action, Sports Reaction, Environmental Portrait and Junior High/Middle School Picture. There is a limit of two entries per category for each publication. More information about individual contest categories is available at the online contest entry page.

2014 NSPA Design of the Year Awards



Adobe Systems Incorporated, providers of the tools of desktop design, InDesign, Illustrator and Photoshop, are co-sponsoring the 2014 Design of the Year competition with the National Scholastic Press Association.

All entries for the Design of the Year Awards must be submitted online by uploading digital files at the following URL: <http://nspacontests.studentpress.org>. Entries will not be accepted by mail. Entrants will be asked to provide their pages/spreads in PDF or JPEG format (PDF preferred), color or black-and-white. See "Online Entry Contests" above for further details.

Contest categories are Newspaper Page One, Newspaper Page/Spread, Yearbook Page/Spread, Infographic and Illustration. There is a limit of one entry per category per publication. More information about individual contest categories is available at the online contest entry page.

First place winners in each category will receive a prize of Adobe InDesign software.

2013 NSPA Cartooning Awards



Universal Uclick and National Scholastic Press Association are co-sponsoring the 2014 NSPA Cartooning Awards. Entries will be judged by Universal Uclick, the contest sponsor.

All entries must be the work of one student. All art must be original.

All entries for the Cartooning Awards must be submitted online by uploading digital files at the following URL: <http://nspacontests.studentpress.org>. Entries will not be accepted by mail. Entrants will be asked to provide their creations in PDF or JPEG format, color or black-and-white. See "Online Entry Contests" above for further details.

Contest categories are Editorial Cartoon and Comic Panel/Strip. There is a limit of two entries per category for each publication. More information about individual contest categories is available at the online contest entry page.