Newspaper • Yearbook • Magazine • Online



Learn for less

One membership with ACP allows all of the students on your staff to pay reduced fees at all of our conventions and workshops. By the time you send us a handful of registrations for one event, your membership has already paid for itself.

Prove you're the best

Submit your newspaper, yearbook, magazine or website in one of our many contests. For general excellence, there's the Pacemaker, setting the standard since 1927. Individuals can enter stories, photos, cartoons, ads and designs in individual contests. Every convention and workshop has an on-site Best of Show contest. ACP members can participate in all of these contests at no additional cost.

Get the info you need to succeed

Through publications like the Pacemaker book and Model Code of Ethics, your ACP membership brings you the kind of information you need to excel in the world of student media.

Network with pros and peers

At ACP conventions and other meetings, you can meet some of the leading journalists and media professionals from across the country. You can meet your peers from colleges and universities, big and small, public and private. These connections help you solve problems and build for the future.

Build your résumé

Winning an individual award or being on the staff of an award-winning publication looks great on your résumé. Participation in an ACP convention or program can also be listed as a part of your professional training. Add ACP membership and honors to your résumé and get noticed.

Any student-produced college/university newspaper, yearbook, magazine or online publication staff can join ACP. Membership is good for one year from the date the membership is received and includes the following benefits:

The Pacemaker Competition

College journalism's oldest and most prestigious prize for general excellence, first given in 1927, honors those who set the pace, surpassing all others. Entering the Pacemaker (and all of our other contests) is a free and exclusive benefit of ACP membership.

Individual Competitions

Individual staff members at ACP member publications can compete for national honors in these prestigious contests: Reporter of the Year, Story of the Year, Design of the Year, Photo Excellence, Cartooning and Advertising awards. Some contests include cash or other prizes provided by their co-sponsors.

Reduced Fees for Conventions, Critiques, Contests

Members pay lower registration fees for all ACP conventions and workshops including the fall National College Media Convention. If you send enough students, you can recoup most or all of the membership cost in registration savings.

Best of Show

At all ACP conventions and workshops, members can enter the event's Best of Show general excellence contest at no cost.

The Pacemaker Book



This annual 125-pluspage book has full-color reproductions of pages from all of ACP's major award winners from the past year. It's an indispensable guide to what's recognized as the best work published in the college press, with hundreds of design, coverage, photo and artwork examples.

Resource Booklets

ACP publishes useful guides for student journalists such as the Model Code of Ethics. Copies are included in your membership packet.

Online Resources

Our website, acp.studentpress.org, is continually updated with news and content useful to our members, including the College Media Matters blog, sponsored by ACP. Information about activities and deadlines will regularly arrive in member staffs' email inboxes to avoid missed

opportunities. Be sure to list a permanent newsroom email address on the membership form.

Press Credentials. Logo, Certificate

Show your pride in membership by using and displaying these items, sent with your membership packet: press credentials in a custom badge holder printed with the ACP

ACP Membership Rates

per publication, based on the number of total students enrolled at your school:

\$119 5.000 or fewer enrolled \$129 5.001-10.000 enrolled \$139 10,001-20,000 enrolled \$149 more than 20,000 enrolled \$69 broadcast stations. regardless of enrollment

logo and a Certificate of Membership.

Reduced Fees for Publication Critiques

ACP offers written critiques for newspapers, yearbooks, websites and feature magazines: a qualified judge will provide in-depth feedback on your published work and rate your publication (All-American through Third Class) according to established standards for college media. Members get reduced rates.

Student networking and participation opportunities

We're looking at ways for student staffers to take a greater role in participating in the ACP community, particularly via studentpress.org. Through features such as our Facebook fan page, our @acpress Twitter feed and our upcoming online member directory, we want to give students the opportunity to share their unique experiences and expertise with their fellow students around the country.

ACP Hall of Fame

Consistent award winners can qualify for induction into the ACP Hall of Fame. Inductees receive a commemorative plague and are added to composite plaques on display at ACP's national headquarters. More details at our acp.studentpress.org.

ACP 2013-14 Calendar

Sept. 13, 2013

Deadline to submit nominations for ACP Hall of Fame to be recognized at that year's fall convention

Oct. 23-Oct. 27, 2013

ACP/CMA National College **Media Convention** Marriott, New Orleans

Dec. 3, 2013

Deadline to receive critique entries from previous school year

Jan. 15, 2014

Deadline to receive entries for Yearbook Pacemaker awards

Feb. 7-9, 2014

ACP Best of the Midwest Journalism Convention Radisson Plaza, Minneapolis

Feb. 14, 2014

Deadline to receive entries for Online Pacemaker awards

Feb. 27-March 2, 2014

ACP National College Journalism Convention Catamaran Resort, San Diego

June 6, 2014

Deadline to receive entries for **Newspaper and Magazine** Pacemaker awards and Individual Awards (Reporter/ Story/Design of the Year, Photo Excellence, Cartooning and Advertising Awards)

July 31-Aug. 2, 2014

ACP Summer Workshop Minneapolis

Oct. 29-Nov. 2, 2014

ACP/CMA National College Media Convention Marriott, Philadelphia

Find out more at

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Join ACP, renew membership, register for events, enter contests, browse galleries of awardwinning work, read the College Media Matters blog, find student media resources such as the Sourcebook on our website.

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About ACP



The Associated Collegiate Press is the largest and oldest national membership association for college student media in ASSOCIATED the United States. ACP is a division of the National Scholastic Press Association,

based and incorporated in Minnesota as a nonprofit educational association, providing journalism education training programs; publishing journalism education materials; providing media critique and recognition programs for members; providing information on developments in journalism and

student media; and providing a forum for members to communicate with others and share their work. Through these activities, ACP promotes the standards and ethics of good journalism as accepted and practiced by print, broadcast and electronic media in the United States. ACP also endorses and advocates free expression rights for student media. For more information about ACP and its programs, visit our FAQ page at acp. studentpress.org/faq.html.



2013-2014 ACP Membership Form

Use this form through July 31, 2014.

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Please verify membership eligibility:

Associated Collegiate Press membership requires at least 85% of the publication's editorial, production, advertising and business staff members, and the editor-in-chief or equivalent (print media only), must be students who are currently enrolled at the college, university, technical or professional school represented by the publication.

☐ Yes, our publication complies with the above requirements.

When does your existing membership expire?

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