



NORTHERN ILLINOIS NEWSPAPER ASSOCIATION

2011

Northern Illinois
High School
Journalism
Scholarships



January 2011

Dear Principal, Newspaper Adviser or Guidance Counselor:

The Northern Illinois Newspaper Association, a professional organization with member newspapers throughout the region, is pleased to announce this year's scholarship competition for graduating high school seniors who plan to continue their journalism education at the college level.

This spring, NINA will award \$1,800 in scholarships, with the potential for matching amounts from the winning students' local newspapers. Eligibility requirements and other criteria are listed on the adjoining page. We ask that you make this application form available to your student journalists.

In addition to the scholarship, each winner will receive a plaque, and will be the subject of an article in our association's quarterly print and online newsletter.

NINA maintains this scholarship fund as part of an effort to encourage the continued study of journalism and to promote journalism careers at the high school level. As a professional organization dedicated to advancing print and online journalism education and training in northern Illinois, we are excited at the prospect of awarding this scholarship to a student who shows promise for a career in our profession.

As a past president of NINA, I welcome your comments and suggestions about the scholarships and how we can work together to advance journalism education at the high school level. Please feel free to contact me at 630-554-8573 or at the Ledger-Sentinel, 64 Main St., P.O. Box 669, Oswego, IL 60543 / lsnews@sbcglobal.net.

Sincerely,

John Etheredge
Past President
Northern Illinois Newspaper Association



PURPOSE

Northern Illinois High School Journalism Scholarships recognize outstanding achievement by high school students in the field of print and/or online journalism.

AWARDS

Winners will receive cash scholarships from the Northern Illinois Newspaper Association, a plaque and announcement of the award in the NINA print and online newsletters. Arrangements will be made for a formal presentation of the scholarship award and plaque.

ELIGIBILITY

The scholarship awards will be presented to high school seniors who demonstrate the standards of honesty, integrity, attention to detail, hard work, creativity, and an understanding and commitment to quality community journalism.

Students may be editors, writers, photographers, managers, marketing or advertising representatives or graphic designers at high school newspapers or professional news publications.

All applicants should show an intent to attend college as a journalism or communications major with an emphasis on print and/or online journalism.

Students must attend high school within the northern Illinois region. The primary counties include Boone, Bureau, Carroll, Cook, DeKalb, DuPage, Grundy, Henry, Jo Daviess, Kane, Kankakee, Kendall, Knox, Lake, LaSalle, Lee, Marshall, McHenry, Mercer, Ogle, Putnam, Rock Island, Stephenson, Whiteside, Will and Winnebago.

SELECTION CRITERIA

Applicants must submit a copy of their high school transcripts, which must include grade-point average. They also must submit:

- A letter of recommendation from a high school counselor, newspaper adviser or professional supervisor. Additional letters of recommendation are welcome.
- A portfolio of published newspaper work. Examples include articles, display or classified advertisements, photographs or photo pages, page layouts or full copies of a newspaper showing the student's contribution to the overall product.
- An autobiographical essay that includes a description of career goals.
- A completed nomination form (next page)

SUBMISSIONS

Applications must be postmarked no later than March 15, 2011. Send to: Northern Illinois Newspaper Association, c/o John Etheredge, The Ledger-Sentinel, P.O. Box 669, 64 Main St., Oswego, IL 60543

JUDGING

All applications will be judged by members of the NINA board of directors. The scholarship winners will be notified in April.

THE ABOVE INFORMATION ALSO IS AVAILABLE ONLINE, AT WWW.NINAONLINE.ORG



NOMINATION FORM

PLEASE PRINT

Nominee: _____

Address : _____
(street, city, state, ZIP) _____

e-mail: _____

High school: _____

Address: _____

Nomination submitted by: _____

Title: _____

Telephone number (day): _____

e-mail: _____

List all materials submitted with this entry:

How did you learn about this opportunity? _____

Send entries to:

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DEADLINE: MARCH 15, 2011