

New Jersey High School Journalism Teacher Awards Program

PROGRAM INFORMATION

The New Jersey Newspaper Foundation will select one New Jersey High School Journalism Teacher of the Year in 2008.

The program identifies outstanding high school journalism teachers and school publication advisers who have done exemplary work in the 2007-2008 academic year.

Applications and supporting materials must be postmarked by April 30, 2008, and sent to:

**New Jersey Newspaper Foundation
840 Bear Tavern Road, Suite 305
West Trenton, NJ 08628-1019**

THE AWARD

The 2008 New Jersey High School Journalism Teacher of the Year will be the official nominee of NJNF to the National High School Journalism Teacher Awards Program sponsored by the Dow Jones Newspaper Fund.

SELECTION PROCESS

An advisory panel comprised of former national High School Journalism Teachers of the Year and officials of the New Jersey Newspaper Foundation will review the applications.

They will weigh each teacher's service in local, state and/or national organizations, personal awards, the quality of their students, their philosophy and approach to student press rights and ethics.

All applicants will be notified of their status by June 1, 2008.

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Application Form

Name _____ High School _____

School Address _____

City _____ State **NJ** ZIP _____

School Phone: _____

Home Address _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Home Phone: _____ E-Mail Address: _____

Principal's Name _____

See the other side of this page for additional information required for a complete application

Where to mail your application:

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For more information, contact:

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Postmark Deadline: April 30, 2008

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CHECKLIST

Materials for the 2008 New Jersey High School Journalism Teacher Awards Program consist of the application form on the opposite side of this page and:

- Answers to the 14 questions below.
- An updated résumé.
- Six sets of two issues of the 2007-2008 newspaper, news magazine, Internet editions [total of 12 newspapers, newsmagazines or complete computer printouts (for web papers)]
- A 35mm color head shot (no printouts of digital images)

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QUESTIONS FOR THE APPLICANT -- Please number and type all responses

1. How many years have you taught high school journalism and advised a newspaper or newsmagazine? Describe your journalism and/or journalism education background. Will you teach journalism or advise a student publication next year?
2. Do you advise the newspaper, newsmagazine, Web paper, yearbook or other school publications? How many students are involved in each publication? Briefly describe your typical work session and your role in producing school publications.
3. How many journalism courses are you teaching during the current school year? Please summarize course content, length, number of credits and the number of students who completed each course.
4. How have you developed or improved the journalism courses now offered in your school?
5. Please describe your efforts to recruit minority students into journalism class(es) and to work for the school newspaper. Describe successes at incorporating diversity into coverage.
6. How many times during the 2007-2008 school year was the newspaper published?
7. Did any of your publications or student staffers win local, state, regional and/or national awards during the 2006-2007 and/or 2007-2008 school years? Please elaborate.
8. Have you won any personal recognition awards for your achievements as a journalism teacher or publications adviser during the 2006-2007 and/or 2007-2008 school years? Please list them.
9. Please describe any activities you have planned in cooperation with the local newspaper. What have you done to demonstrate how scholastic journalism activities relate to journalism in the professional sector?
10. Have you published articles or books on scholastic journalism and journalism education in the past year? Please list the titles, publications and dates.
11. Do you teach media workshops for other journalism educators? Please elaborate.
12. Are you or have you been an officer in a local, regional, state or national journalism organization? Please elaborate.
13. Briefly outline your philosophy of student press rights. Describe any instances in the 2006-2007 and/or 2007-2008 school years when this philosophy was challenged or supported by administrators, the local professional press or the community.
14. How do you teach your students about ethical journalistic decision-making?