



# Oregon High School Journalist of the Year

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The Oregon High School Journalist of the Year is co-sponsored by the Oregon Journalism Education Association and Northwest Scholastic Press Association. The winner of the Oregon competition will automatically be entered in the National Journalist of the Year sponsored by the national Journalism Education Association. The Oregon High School Journalist of the Year will be awarded the Alyce Sheetz Memorial Scholarship for \$1,000. The runner-up will receive \$500.

## Changes • Changes • Changes • Changes

The Oregon High School Journalist of the Year is a candidate for the National High School Journalist of the Year awarded at the JEA/NSPA Spring Convention. Thus, our state competition must comply with the national standards. The national JEA made *significant* changes to the submission process for the 2015 competition. **ADVISERS!** Please direct your students to the JEA website for detailed information on how to apply for the scholarship. Below is a quick list of the major changes and some tips to help with the process.



The submission date has changed. JEA has moved up the submission deadline to the national competition so the deadline for the state competition has also moved up. **Oregon students must have their submission e-mailed by midnight on Feb. 15.** Please e-mail personal submission materials with portfolio URL to JEA State Director J.D. McIntire at: mcinduk@comcast.net.



Previously, Oregon used the JEA entry form for official entry into the state competition. Now the JEA form should only be used by the eventual state winner. We have created a state entry form - included in this packet - that should be used to enter the Oregon competition. The OJEA website is currently under reconstruction - we will attempt to post it there but if students want to get started early, just e-mail McIntire at the above address and he will send you a PDF of the form. It will also be posted on the Northwest Scholastic Press website, as that organization co-sponsors the state scholarship.



**ALL** entries must now be in the form of online portfolio. Hard copy entries - the old binder style portfolio - are no longer accepted. ANY platform can be used to create the entry but the JEA website offers a tutorial on using WordPress and ISSUU has also been a popular tool to create the portfolios as well. The JEA website has some example portfolios for viewing.



The scoring rubric has been changed - expanded into 11 different categories. There has been some concern expressed that students won't have material to fill all of the categories. JEA has acknowledged this will be common and encourages students to emphasize their strengths and not worry about categories for which they don't have material. Part of the purpose of the new guidelines is to see how students market themselves.



Due to the move to the online portfolio there is no longer a "page count" limit to the entries. However, students are encouraged to emphasize quality over quantity as the judges have limited time to review all candidates.



**The best advice for ALL questions regarding the competition and the changes is to thoroughly review the JEA website. Guidelines can be found at [jea.org/home/awards-honors/journalist-of-the-year/](http://jea.org/home/awards-honors/journalist-of-the-year/)**



# Oregon High School Journalist of the Year Application

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Applicant's name: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Parents/Guardians Name: \_\_\_\_\_

School Name: \_\_\_\_\_

School address: \_\_\_\_\_

School City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: Oregon Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

School phone number: \_\_\_\_\_ Adviser Extension: \_\_\_\_\_

Adviser(s) Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Adviser e-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

Principal's name and e-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

Hometown Newspaper: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail of Hometown Newspaper News (or School News) Desk: \_\_\_\_\_

*The Journalist of the Year application has **two** parts, please check that you have supplied both:*

**Personal application materials.** *These include: this application form, a high school transcript, three letters of recommendation, an action photo of applicant involved in student media, a personal resume and a self-analytical essay. These should be combined into a single PDF file and e-mailed to Oregon State JEA Director J.D. McIntire at: mcinduk@comcast.net. Please **do not** put your personal materials in your online portfolio.*

**Online portfolio.** *Please follow the instructions at the national JEA website for making your portfolio. The JEA site features a tutorial on how to use WordPress to make your portfolio. Another popular application is ISSUU. Any program is acceptable as long as it complies with JEA guidelines.*

Portfolio URL: \_\_\_\_\_