

LU FLANNERY OUTSTANDING JOURNALIST AWARD

HIGH SCHOOL AWARD/SCHOLARSHIP – \$750 – Deadline: Feb. 15, 2008

The Washington Journalism Education Association's Lu Flannery Outstanding Journalist Award recognizes one Washington state senior who has made significant contributions to his/her journalism program.

ENTRY CRITERIA

1. Graduating high school senior
2. Applicant has made significant contributions to the school's newspaper, yearbook or broadcast program.
3. 3.0 GPA minimum on a 4.0 scale
4. WJEA member school

Portfolio must include:

1. Official entry form
2. Self-analytical evaluation of your "journalistic life," using your most creative form
3. Official copy of your transcript
4. 3-4 letters of recommendation from your adviser, and teachers who know your leadership and journalistic abilities, and people with whom you have worked (a letter from the principal desirable, but not required)
5. Samples of your work **carefully selected** to show the quality and diversity of your reporting, writing, photography, design, etc.
6. Self-addressed, padded, stamped envelope large enough to hold your portfolio if you want it returned

Preparing your portfolio:

1. Entry material should not exceed 35 pages. Both sides of the page may be used. Plastic sheet protectors are acceptable, but not required.
2. The pages should be inserted into a three-ring binder designed to hold 8 1/2 X 11 inch paper.

Some ideas to help you get started on the self-analytical evaluation:

How do you feel about journalism? How did you get started in journalism? What have you had to go through to achieve success in journalism? What have you contributed to journalism? What are your journalism plans for the future?

Samples of work should be carefully selected. **Provide judges with a cross section of your best work rather than everything ever produced.** The evaluation should be long enough for the judges to reach a decision as to your creative qualifications and short enough not to be boring or redundant. **Date, name of publication and relevance should be on the page with the sample.**

Include samples showing one or more of the following characteristics. They should be grouped according to what they represent, and these groupings should be labeled:

1. **Skilled and creative use of media content** – writing, production, photography, etc.
2. **Inquiring mind and investigative persistence** resulting in in-depth study or studies of issues important to the local high school community, high school students in general, or society
3. **Courageous and responsible handling of controversial issues** – local or societal – despite threat or imposition of censorship
4. **Variety of journalistic experiences handled in a quality manner** – newspaper, yearbook, broadcast, etc.
5. Sustained and commendable work with community media

AWARD RECOGNITION

A panel of local professional journalists and educators evaluate entries.

The award goes to one winner with a scholarship of \$750. The winner will be announced at the spring state conference on March 10 at Rogers High School. The winner's name will be published in MORE, WJEA's newsletter, and on the WJEA website, www.wjea.net. The parent(s)/guardian(s), adviser and principal of the recipient will be notified and local media contacts will be made, if winner so desires.

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StudentName _____ M/F _____ Grade _____

Address _____ Phone () _____

City, State _____ Zip _____

Parent/Gurardian Name(s) _____

School _____

School Address _____

City, State _____ Zip _____

Adviser Name _____ Phone () _____

How long have you been involved in journalism? _____

Positions held (specify media):

Media	Position	Year(s)
_____	_____	from _____ to _____
_____	_____	from _____ to _____
_____	_____	from _____ to _____
_____	_____	from _____ to _____

Has any of your work been honored by the press or electronic media? If so, what award? (Use a separate sheet to explain, if necessary) _____

Do you plan to enroll this year in a university or college journalism degree program? _____

List colleges/universities you are considering in order of preference; if you have been accepted, check the appropriate space; if you have decided on enrollment, lit only that college and check the space.

College/University	Accepted & considering	Definitely will attend
_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Hometown newspaper _____

Address _____ City, State, Zip _____

Adviser: Help the student secure letters of recommendation as described. Collect from the nominee this entry form and all materials requested and **mail by FEBRUARY 15** to:

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