

National Federation of Press Women/Woman's Press Club of Indiana - 2010 High School Communications Contest - Introductory Letter

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Dear Indiana High School Newspaper Adviser:

The National Federation of Press Women and its state affiliate, the Woman's Press Club of Indiana, are sponsoring a high school journalism contest again this year. Each school is invited to submit to the state level one (and only one) entry in each of the 17 categories described in the attendant documents. State awards (first place, second place, third place, honorable mention) will be presented in each category in May; national awards will be presented in late August.

The first-place state winner in each of the categories will be entered in the national competition. Last year six Indiana journalists took honors at the national level. Congratulations go to

- Anton Barnett, Warren Central High School – first place in reviews;
- Stephanie Hodgkin, Carmel High School – second place in single-page layout;
- Peyge Wolfe, Muncie Central High School – second place in news writing;
- Samantha Peterman, Muncie Central High School – third place in sports photography;
- Lauren Kreigh, Lawrence North High School – honorable mention in feature photography;
- Cody Wopshall, Muncie Central High School – honorable mention in column writing.

All six were invited to the student luncheon at the NFPW national convention in San Antonio last September. National winners in the 2010 competition will be invited to the NFPW convention in Chicago in August 2010.

In addition to the state and national honors, WPCI has plans to create another calendar featuring the state winners. Enter your students' work and you may make them calendar stars! (See last year's calendar cover here. Each month highlighted a category winner with his/her name and a photo of a site in his/her county.)



For this year's competition:

- Entries must have been published between March 1, 2009, and Feb. 14, 2010. They must be the work of students (girls or boys) enrolled in grades 9-12 during this school year, or of seniors who graduated last spring (and whose work was published after March 1, 2009).
- Each school is permitted one and only one entry per category. There are 17 categories this year, three more than last year.
- Publication in a high school or community newspaper, printed and/or electronic (online), is eligible; entries created for school television or online broadcast are eligible for video categories.
- For printed publications, submit two tearsheets (the entire page on which the article or graphic appears) for each entry (including two copies of each of three columns in the personal column category). For online publications, submit two copies of the article including the URL and date of publication. For televised or online video, submit a DVD with the entry.
- On print entries, indicate which article or photo is to be considered by circling it with a marker or highlighter.
- If an entry is the work of more than one student, all of the students must complete entry forms.
- Entry forms and student work must be paper-clipped together – NO staples, sleeves or binders.

As in the past, the cost is \$6 per entry. Send entries and check (or purchase order), payable to Woman's Press Club of Indiana, to me as the state coordinator. Entries **MUST** be postmarked on or before Feb. 22, 2010. Be sure to weigh your entries and affix sufficient postage. (One year an entry with insufficient postage did not reach me until April! By then all Indiana state entries had been mailed to the national level.) Let me know ASAP if you need an invoice before a check can be drawn from your publications account; I must have payment before I can submit state winning entries to the national level.

I look forward to your participation. If you have questions, please e-mail me.

Sincerely,
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