

# Maryland-District of Columbia Scholastic Press Association

## 2009 Individual Writing and Editing Contest

### Contest Rules

1. Entries submitted must have been published during the 2008-2009 school year.
2. All articles and photographs must be mounted (attached to paper, poster board or card stock).
3. Page layouts do not have to be mounted, but an entry form must be included with the entry.
4. Web entries must include the URL (web address) and a hard copy.
5. Students may enter multiple categories in the newspaper, broadcast, yearbook, magazine and online divisions, but are limited to two entries per person, per category. If a student submits more than two entries in a category, all of the entries in that category will be disqualified.
6. If a yearbook, magazine or final edition of a newspaper has not yet been printed, proofs or hardcopies will be accepted with a note from the adviser certifying that the entry will be published.
7. There is a \$2 fee per entry. Make checks payable to: Maryland-DC Scholastic Press Association or MSPA.
8. **All entries must be attached to an original or photocopied entry form** and received by August 14, 2009 at the following address:  
Marchelle Payne-Gassaway/MSPA  
University of Maryland  
1117 Journalism Building  
College Park, MD 20742
9. Questions? Contact Marchelle Payne-Gassaway at [mpayne@jmail.umd.edu](mailto:mpayne@jmail.umd.edu) or at (301) 405-8321 or Dana Miller at [dmiller@jmail.umd.edu](mailto:dmiller@jmail.umd.edu) at (301) 405-2397.

### Contest Categories

#### Newspaper Categories:

- News
- Features (except for profiles)
- Profiles (people/personality profile of an individual or small group)
- Editorial opinion (unsigned opinion by editorial-page staff or board)
- Signed editorial column (opinion piece running on the editorial page or in any other section except sports)
- In-depth story (700 words or more)
- Sports-game coverage
- Sports-news or feature
- Sports-opinion column
- Review
- Opinion/editorial-page layout
- Front-page layout
- Single (inside) page layout
- Double-page layout
- Editorial Cartoon
- Comic
- Photography
- Illustration-hand or computer generated
- Informational graphic

#### Broadcast Categories:

- News (non-sports)
- Features (non-sports)
- Sports news or feature

#### Yearbook Categories:

- General copywriting
- Sports copywriting
- Page design (single or double)
- Hand illustration/artwork
- Computer-generated illustration/artwork
- Photography
- General headline writing
- Sports headline writing

#### Magazine Categories:

- Poetry
- Prose
- Photography
- Hand illustration/artwork
- Computer-generated illustration/artwork
- Cover design/artwork
- Inside page design (single or double)

#### Web/Online Journalism Categories:

- Front-page design
- Inside-page design
- News writing
- Feature writing
- Sports writing
- Review/opinion

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Division (circle one): NEWSPAPER    BROADCAST    MAGAZINE    YEARBOOK    WEB

Category: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Publication: \_\_\_\_\_

Date Published: \_\_\_\_\_

Headline or Title of Entry: \_\_\_\_\_

Student Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_ Grade(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Journalism Adviser: \_\_\_\_\_

Adviser Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Adviser Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

**Publication Consent:**

I grant MSPA permission to publish my name and the title of my work if I am an award winner.

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Student Signature

**For Office Use Only**

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