



# 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.

## Requirements

- To be eligible for the award, applicants **MUST**:
  - Be a student of an OJEA and JEA member adviser
  - Have at least a 3.0 GPA on a 4.0 scale
  - Have participated in student media for at least two years
  - Be a graduating high school senior
  - Submit a portfolio, received by the State Director by February 15

## How To Submit An Entry

The entry for the state Journalist of the Year (JOY) has two parts.

- PART ONE: The application.

The JOY application must be emailed as a single PDF to the state director by **midnight on Feb. 15**. If the PDF file size is too large to email, you may submit it using Dropbox. The PDF should include the following:

- The application form for the Oregon JOY contest. You can get this form online at [oregonjea.org/awards/](http://oregonjea.org/awards/) or you can email the state director, J.D. McIntire, at [mcinduk@comcast.net](mailto:mcinduk@comcast.net) for one. You **MUST** use the state form. The form on the national JEA site is for the eventual state *winner* only.
- An official high school transcript.
- An action photo of the applicant involved in some aspect of student media and an extended caption written for the photo. By submitting the photo you are giving OJEA permission to use it when the award is announced.
- Three letters of recommendation from people who can speak to your journalism experience.
- A personal resume.
- A self-analytical essay about your journalistic life, no longer than two pages in length.

- PART TWO: The online portfolio.

Candidates need to create an online portfolio of their work that can be accessed by URL. There are many platforms the candidate can use to create the portfolio. The Oregon JOY competition follows the national JEA portfolio requirements. Candidates should go to [jea.org/home/awards-honors/journalist-of-the-year/](http://jea.org/home/awards-honors/journalist-of-the-year/) for specific portfolio requirements, suggestions, examples, and tutorials on how to build an online portfolio.

**Be sure to keep the two parts of your submission separate.  
DO NOT include any personal information in the online portfolio.**

## Deadline

All JOY entries must be received via email by the state director, J.D. McIntire, at [mcinduk@comcast.net](mailto:mcinduk@comcast.net) by **February 15**. There are no exceptions to this deadline. McIntire will send you a confirmation email when he has received your materials. Do not consider it submitted until you received the confirmation email.