



William E. James Outstanding Young Journalist Award

Each year, Missouri Press Association selects deserving candidates to receive the William E. James Outstanding Young Journalist award and a \$500 cash prize at MPA's Annual Convention and Trade Show held each fall.

Recipients of this award have demonstrated excellence in the field of journalism and maintained the quality, ethics and standards of The Journalist's Creed. The aim of the award is to reinforce the importance of a journalist's role by recognizing and nurturing talent to further promote quality journalism.

The late William E. James served as president of the Missouri Press Association in 1998. He was the publisher of the Cass County Democrat-Missourian in Harrisonville from 1985 until 2000 and of the Warrensburg Daily Star-Journal from 2007 until 2013. He served in many leadership positions in MPA and was a director of the National Newspaper Association in 1999-2001. Mr. James was inducted into the Missouri Newspaper Hall of Fame in 2001. The Outstanding Young Journalist Award was named in his honor in 2013, a few months before his death from complications of lung cancer at the age of 65.

Rules and Regulations

Nominations for Outstanding Young Journalist must be submitted by March 31.

An editor or publisher must submit the nominee's resume, letter of nomination and 10 samples of work from the previous calendar year.

Entries will be judged on the quality and variety of the work samples and the impact of the work in the community. The nomination letter must be signed by the editor or publisher and should note the contributions the nominee has made to the newsroom.

Nominations may be submitted digitally. Winners are not eligible to win this award in subsequent years.

Nominees Must Be:

- Younger than 30 years old on January 1, of the year of the nomination
- An employee of a Missouri Press Association member newspaper
- A regular contributor to the newspaper

Submit Nominations by March 31 to:

Missouri Press Association
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