

Call for nominations: 2020 Nebraska Press Association Awards

Outstanding Young Nebraska Journalist Award

The Outstanding Young Nebraska Journalist Award was created and funded in 2001 by Zean and Marilyn Carney. Zean is a past president of the Nebraska Press Association, Nebraska Journalism Hall of Fame inductee, Master Editor-Publisher recipient, and is the retired publisher of the Wahoo Newspaper, Waverly News, Ashland Gazette and David City Banner-Press.

The annual award – administered by the NPA and Nebraska Press Advertising Service -- was established to recognize the outstanding work of the state’s young journalism talent.

One winner and one runner-up from all Nebraska weekly and daily entries will be recognized. Winner receives a plaque and a \$500 cash stipend. Runner Up receives a plaque.

Competition is open to all weekly and daily newspaper journalists, including reporters, photographers, graphic designers, production and advertising professionals, working full time for any legal Nebraska newspaper.

Nominees must be under the age of 30, as of December 31 of each competition year. *Past winners are not eligible to enter again.*

A panel of judges, appointed by the NPA/NPAS executive director, will consider each nominee’s professionalism, creativity, career goals, impact on their community, and overall journalistic excellence.

Deadline to submit Outstanding Young Journalist nominations is February 21, 2020. Young Journalist Awards will be presented at the Saturday, April 18, Awards Luncheon as part of the 2020 NPA Convention, April 17-18, at the Cornhusker Marriott Hotel in Lincoln, NE.

Leadership Nebraska (Harpst) Award

The Leadership Nebraska Award was created and funded by the Harpst Family to recognize a Nebraska Press Association newspaper or publisher (or executive of such paper) that best illustrates efforts in promoting leadership within their community such as news articles about youth groups that foster leadership, community leadership organizations and their participants, or information about alumni of leadership groups and success stories as these individuals go on to actual community leadership posts.

This award is to recognize leadership and leadership potential, not service or mere participation in an activity or event. The award donors “believe it is important to develop leaders in Nebraska at all levels” and this is consistent with leadership programs that are active in many Nebraska communities, and is a further incentive for our newspapers to promote and develop future leaders.

Deadline to submit Leadership Nebraska nominations is February 21, 2020. Leadership Nebraska Award will be presented at the Saturday, April 18, Awards Luncheon as part of the 2020 NPA Convention at the Cornhusker Marriott Hotel in Lincoln.

Golden Pica Pole Award

If you know someone who has worked in the Nebraska newspaper business for 50 years or more, they are eligible to receive the Golden Pica Pole Award.

Deadline to submit Golden Pica Pole nominations is February 21, 2020.

Pica Pole Awards will be presented at the Saturday, April 18 Awards Luncheon as part of the 2020 NPA Convention, April 17-18, at the Cornhusker Marriott Hotel in Lincoln.

Nebraska Journalism Hall of Fame

The Hall of Fame was started in 1973 by Jack Lowe, retired longtime editor and copublisher of the Sidney Telegraph. The Hall of Fame honors persons who have distinguished themselves in printed journalism. It was one of the projects of the Jack Lowe Community Journalism Fund at the University of Nebraska College of Journalism and Mass Communications. Since the Journalism Hall of Fame started, over 100 individuals have been inducted.

Nomination rules:

- Persons living or dead may be nominated.
- Nominees should have made a significant contribution to print, their communities, state and/or nation.
- Nominees may come from any facet of the newspaper business, such as news, business, management, photography or any combinations.
- Nominees must have spent a significant percentage of their newspaper careers in Nebraska.
- **Deadline to submit Journalism Hall of Fame nominations is March 16, 2020.**
- **Mail or email nominations and accompanying documents to:** Susan Watson, Nebraska Press Association, 845 "S" Street, Lincoln, NE 68508, or email to: nebpress@nebpress.com.
- **Hall of Fame inductees will be announced in early May, 2020**, and honored at a banquet in late October.

NOTE: *There will be no Master Editor-Publisher award in 2020.*

This award is usually announced at the NPA Convention Friday evening banquet, followed by a reception (hosted by Master Editor-Publisher's family) in their honor.

This year, the Friday, April 17, banquet at the Cornhusker Hotel in Lincoln will honor Allen Beermann, who is retiring in early 2020 after serving 25 years as NPA's Executive Director.

Friday, April 17 banquet details to come. Save the date!



OUTSTANDING YOUNG NEBRASKA JOURNALIST AWARD

NEBRASKA PRESS ASSOCIATION



PURPOSE OF THE AWARD

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The annual award -- administered by the Nebraska Press Association and the Nebraska Press Advertising Service/OnePress -- was established to recognize the outstanding work of the state's young journalism talent. The winner receives a plaque and a \$500 cash stipend; the runner-up receives a plaque.

The competition is open to all weekly and daily newspaper journalists, including reporters, photographers, graphic designers, production and advertising professionals, working full time for any legal Nebraska newspaper.

One winner and runner-up from all weekly and daily entries will be recognized at the NPA Convention's Saturday Awards Luncheon on April 18, 2020, at the Cornhusker Marriott in Lincoln, NE.

The nominee must be under the age of 30, as of December 31 of each competition year. **Past winners are not eligible to enter again.**

A panel of judges, appointed by the NPA/NPAS executive director, will consider each nominee's professionalism, creativity, career goals, impact on their community, and overall journalistic excellence.

NOMINATION GUIDELINES

1. The young journalist, or his or her editor or publisher, may submit entry nominations. The nominating newspaper, publisher or executives must be members of the Nebraska Press Association.
2. Nominees must submit six examples of their work product (published within the previous 2 years) along with a statement from their editor or publisher, as well as a statement from a person of the nominee's choice attesting to his or her qualifications.
3. Each entry must include a statement of no fewer than 150 words, written by the nominee, telling of his or her journalistic goals. This statement must be included with all other entry materials. The nominee must also submit a photo copy of their Nebraska driver's license.
4. All entries should be sent in a 9x12 envelope to the NPA office in Lincoln (address below). The envelope should be clearly labeled "Outstanding Young Nebraska Journalist Award."
5. If entry materials must be returned after the competition, special arrangements should be made with the NPA office staff. Contest materials, with the permission of nominees, may be used for education or instructional purposes by NPA/NPAS.
6. Winners will give permission to NPA to have their work published in the contest online or print publications produced for conventions or shown during any photo galleries, videos or presentations.
7. **The deadline for nomination submissions is February 21, 2020.**
8. Information, instructions, guidelines and inquiries will be available from the NPA/OnePress office located at 845 "S" St., Lincoln NE 68508. You can also contact them directly at 800-369-2850, or 402-476-2851. The email address is nebpress@nebpress.com.

**Nomination submissions must be received
at the NPA office by February 21, 2020!**



Nebraska Press Association Golden Pica Pole Award

(50 or more years service to Nebraska newspapers)

Nomination Form



Name of nominee: _____ Phone: _____

Current Mailing address of nominee: _____

Number of years employed in newspaper business: _____

Locations Worked:

No. of Years:

_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

Is the nominee presently employed? Yes _____ No _____

If yes, where presently employed? _____

Present job title: _____

Nomination submitted by: _____

Title: _____

Newspaper: _____

Date: _____

Return this form no later than February 21, 2020 to:



Nebraska Press Association
Attn: Susan Watson
845 "S" Street, Lincoln, NE 68508-1226
(402)476-2851, NE: (800)369-2850, FAX: (402)476-2942
e-mail: nebpress@nebpress.com



THE LEADERSHIP NEBRASKA AWARD

Nebraska Press Association



AWARD PROMOTES LEADERSHIP: With the recommendation of past presidents and the approval of the board of directors, the Nebraska Press Association has instituted an award for the newspaper, publisher or executive that best promotes, recognizes or fosters leadership in the community, region or state. Nominees must be members of the Nebraska Press Association. The award is given annually at an appropriate function at the Annual NPA Convention in April.

THE LEADERSHIP NEBRASKA AWARD was conceived by Don Harpst Jr. in loving memory of his father Don Harpst Sr., and was funded by a major gift from the Harpst Family. The award does include an appropriate plaque and a cash award.

This award does not interfere with or compete with the Better Newspaper Contest which is based on journalistic excellence.

Deadline for submission of nominees must be received by the NPA office by February 21, 2020.

A panel of five past presidents appointed by the current President will serve as the judges for this award each year.

THE LEADERSHIP NEBRASKA AWARD

Recognizing the Nebraska Newspaper or Publisher that best promotes LEADERSHIP within their community, region, or state

PURPOSE OF THE AWARD

THE LEADERSHIP NEBRASKA Award was created and funded by the Harpst Family to recognize a Nebraska Press Association newspaper or publisher (or executive of such paper) that best illustrates efforts in promoting leadership within their community such as news articles about youth groups that foster leadership, community leadership organizations and their participants, or information about alumni of leadership groups and success stories as these individuals go on to actual community leadership posts. The Harpst Family wishes “that this award be given to the best newspaper coverage for future and present community leaders”.

AWARD CRITERIA

The criteria for this award is flexible to accommodate a wide range of journalistic endeavors that promote, recognize or foster leadership or leadership opportunities within a community, region or even the state, including (but not limited to) the following:

- *photo essay
- *editorial or series of editorials
- *news articles
- *feature story or stories
- *promotional activities
- *reward and award programs, and/or recognition events

This award is to recognize leadership and leadership potential, not service or mere participation in an activity or event. The award donors “believe it is important to develop leaders in Nebraska at all levels”.

NOMINATION GUIDELINES

1. **Nominee newspapers, publishers or executives must be members of the Nebraska Press Association.**
2. **Nominations should be made in writing and should include biographical information, along with any appropriate supporting documents explaining the reasons the nominee should receive the award. Letters and exhibits supporting the nominee are welcome.**
3. **No limitations are placed on the length of such information submitted, but conciseness and clarity are suggested, even encouraged.**
4. **Artistic qualities of the nomination submissions (such as the use of graphics, photographs, etc.) will not be considered in the selection of the award recipient.**
5. **Any Nebraska Press Association member can submit a nomination.**
6. **Award nominations can carry over for two years, after which a new nomination must be submitted, if the nominee does not win in the first year of nomination.**
7. **No entry fee shall be required.**

JUDGES

Nominations will be evaluated by The Leadership Nebraska Award Committee. This committee shall have a membership of five active Nebraska Press Association Past Presidents. Should a member of the Award Committee be nominated for the award, he/she will be eligible for the nomination and award, but be disqualified from serving on the committee, and a replacement will be appointed by the President or Vice President.

AWARD PRESENTATION

This Leadership Nebraska Award is given by the Harpst Family in loving memory of Don Harpst, Sr. His biography here follows:

The first thing Don Harpst Sr. did when he bought “The Indianola Reporter” in 1940, was to organize the Rotary Club. From there leadership developed among its members. Since then and subsequent years community leadership was visible in other newspapers that he purchased in Cambridge, Wilsonville, Eustis and Curtis. Harpst lost his father at the age of 10 and his mother moved the family from Ohio to Southern Texas where she bought a weekly newspaper in LaFeria. Don learned the trade and bought his first newspaper on a “note and a prayer”! He became active in the Nebraska Press Association in 1957 and served as President in 1965. Don Harpst Sr. died in 1984 and is buried in Cambridge.

Submission of nominees must be received in the NPA office by February 21, 2020.



Nebraska Journalism Hall of Fame

Deadline for nominations is March 16, 2020.

It is time to nominate distinguished journalists for our Hall of Fame. This is a most appropriate way to honor those who have honored us by their contributions to our profession and to our state and nation.

Please enter the name(s) of one or more persons you believe deserve this honor. **Here are the rules:**

1. Persons living or dead may be nominated.
2. Nominees should have made a significant contribution to print, their communities and/or their state and nation.
3. Nominees may come from any facet of the newspaper business, such as news, business, management, photography or any combinations.
4. Nominees must have spent a significant percentage of their newspaper careers in Nebraska.

Other considerations of importance:

- Winners of the Master Editor-Publisher Award are **not** automatically nominated.
- Nominees not selected this year will automatically be eligible for consideration the following year, but no longer than that.
- Nominations may come from persons not affiliated with NPA.
- Additions to the Hall of Fame may or may not be an annual event and there is no established maximum or minimum number for admission at one time.

Nominations must include a completed form (see reverse), a detailed biography of the nominee and other appropriate documentation.

The selection committee will consist of the president of Nebraska Press Association who shall be chairman, the vice president, and the immediate past president of the association, the Dean of the University of Nebraska Journalism College, and

one other representative of the Journalism College selected by the Dean. In the event a member of the committee cannot serve, the NPA president shall appoint a replacement for that year.

Previous inductees include: Norris Alfred, Tom Allan, Harold Andersen, Bess Furman Armstrong, Allen J. Beermann, Charlyne Radke Berens, Dr. A. L. Bixby, Keith Blackledge, Bob Bogue, Shirley Brown Bogue, Stuart "Stu" Bohacek, Mentor Brown, William Jennings Bryan, Don Bryant, Glenn A. Buck, August F. Buechler, Earle "Buddy" Bunker, Zean Carney, Willa Cather, Neale Copple, W.F. Cramb, Walter Christenson, J. Alan Cramer, Lyle Denniston, Viola Herms Drath, Frank O. Edgecombe, John Edgecombe, Sr., Tyler Edgecombe, Reva Evans, Leslie Dale Falter, Richard "Dick" Fleming, Ronald "Butch" Furse, Ronald R. Furse, Dewaine Gahan, Art C. Gardner, Charles H. Gere, Ted M. Gill, John Gottschalk, Clarence "Clancy" Hebda, Gilbert M. Hitchcock, Sharron Hollen, Edgar Howard, G. Woodson "Woody" Howe, Theodore "Ted" Huettmann, Gene Huse, Jerry Huse, Burt James, Loral Johnson, Will Owen Jones, Gene Kemper, Larry King, James E. Lawrence, Dick Lindberg, Jack Lowe, Les Mann, Earl M. Marvin, John Alexander MacMurphy, Walt Mason, Gregg McBride, Sterling H. McCaw, William McCleery, Alan Cunningham McIntosh, Henry Mead, Dr. George L. Miller, Charles Mohr, Gene Morris, J. Sterling Morton, Maxine Moul, John G. Neihardt, Harvey E. Newbranch, Will Norton, Jr., William C. "Bill" Nuckolls, J.P. O'Furey, Reed O'Hanlon, Jr., Barney Oldfield, Mary Blythe Packwood, Bud Pagel, Ruth Best Pagel, Robert J. Pinkerton, Jack Pollock, Emerson R. Purcell, Jim Raglin, Emil W. Reutzel, Jr., Kenneth Hilton Rhoades, Eugene Robb, Fred W. Rose, Kathleen Rutledge, Gilbert Savery, James C. Seacrest, Joe R. Seacrest, Fred Seaton, Charles Sumner "Cy" Sherman, Joe Starita, Carroll "Cal" Stewart, Allen D. Strunk, Harry D. Strunk, John Hyde Sweet, Jack Tarr, Dean Terrill, Jack Thompson, Henry Trysla, Paul F. Wagner, Matt Waite, Lester A. Walker, Kent Warneke, Lee Warneke, Alton "Mook" Wilhelms, Eileen Wirth, H. J. Wisner and Asa B. Wood.

What is the Hall of Fame?

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NEBRASKA JOURNALISM HALL OF FAME NOMINATION

DATE: _____

YOUR NAME: _____

YOUR NEWSPAPER: _____

NAME OF NOMINEE: _____

NEWSPAPER: _____

NOMINEE'S ADDRESS: _____

CONTACT OR NEXT OF KIN FOR POSTHUMOUS NOMINATION: _____

NOMINEE OR CONTACT TELEPHONE: _____

Biography of your nominee. (Please include all required data on the individual nominated and follow the enclosed rules.)

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Send nominations to:
Susan Watson, Nebraska Press
Association, 845 "S" St., Lincoln,
NE 68508

Nominations must be received by March 16, 2020.
*(Hall of Fame inductees will be announced in early May,
and honored at a banquet in October in Lincoln, NE.)*