

Bernard Kilgore Memorial Scholarship & New Jersey High School Journalist of the Year Entry Information

Introduction

The Bernard Kilgore Memorial Scholarship will be awarded following a statewide competition sponsored by the Garden State Scholastic Press Association and the New Jersey Press Foundation.

The scholarship, valued at \$5,000, will be awarded by the New Jersey Press Foundation, which administers the Bernard Kilgore Memorial Scholarship Fund.

The recipient will be named the New Jersey High School Journalist of the Year and will be entered in a competition for the National High School Journalist of the Year, operated by the Journalism Education Association.

The Kilgore Scholarship recipient will be announced at the GSSPA Spring Advisers' Conference in May and at the New Jersey Press Association's awards banquet in April. Selection of the scholarship recipient will be done by editors of New Jersey newspapers.

The Bernard Kilgore Scholarship is possible because of gifts to the New Jersey Press Foundation from the Kilgore family and friends, *The Princeton Packet*, and the Dow Jones Foundation, following the selection of Bernard Kilgore in 2000 as the Business Journalist of the Century by the TJFR Group.

Bernard Kilgore was the dominant figure at *The Wall Street Journal* and its parent corporation, Dow Jones and Co., Inc., for more than a quarter century. He is credited with changing *The Journal* from a small financial newspaper to the nation's only national daily newspaper at the time of his death in 1967. He was 59 years old.

Kilgore believed strongly that the newspaper business needed to identify and encourage more talented writers and editors in order to remain strong and profitable.

Rules

The competition is open to New Jersey residents attending New Jersey high schools. Applicants are nominated by teachers at schools that are members of the Garden State Scholastic Press Association. Editors of newspapers that are members of the New Jersey Press Association also may nominate students. If the scholarship recipient attends a high school that doesn't employ a GSSPA member, the New Jersey Press Foundation will pay the \$15 membership fee for that school for the year the scholarship is awarded.

Qualifications

- Be a graduating high school senior.
- Be planning to study journalism in college and to pursue a journalism career.
- Have at least a 3.0 GPA on a 4.0 scale.
- Have participated in high school journalism for at least two years.

Mailing Information

Send all materials to:

New Jersey Press Foundation
c/o Kilgore Scholarship Program
840 Bear Tavern Road, Suite 305
West Trenton, N.J. 08628-1019

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Preparing Your Portfolio

- Entry material must not exceed 46 one-sided 8 1/2 by 11-inch pages, including the one-page application form. All letters and transcripts must be opened and included as part of the 46 pages. Clippings must be reduced, if necessary, to fit on the 8 1/2 by 11-inch maximum page size.
- Send only **one copy** of your application. Your application will be photocopied and sent to the contest judges.
- **Do not put a staple on any page.**
- **Do not put any pages into clear page inserts, binders or notebooks.**
- Send five copies of your school newspaper or magazine, or photocopies of relevant spreads from your yearbook (not the entire book). Those copies will enable the judges to see the context of your work. Do not send CD's, DVD's, etc.
- Photocopies of letters, clippings, photos and art are acceptable; however, an original print of photograph should accompany entries based on published pictures. Your personal photo is in addition to the 46-page maximum.
- Here are some ideas to help you get started on the self-analytical evaluation: *How do you feel about journalism? How did you get started in journalism? What have you had to go through to achieve? What have you contributed to journalism? What are your journalism plans for the future?* The evaluation should be long enough for the judges to reach a decision about your creative qualifications and short enough not to be redundant (and boring).
- Samples of your work should be carefully selected. Provide the judges with a good cross-section of your best work rather than everything you have produced. Date, name of publication and relevance (see list below) should be on the page with each sample. Ideally, samples should be readable photocopies of published work.
- Include samples showing one or more of the following characteristics. They should be grouped according to what they represent, and these relevance groupings should be labeled (tape labels securely at the top of the samples).
 - a. Skilled and creative use of media content - writing, production, photography, etc.
 - b. Inquiring mind and investigative persistence resulting in in-depth study or studies of issues important to the local high school audience, high school students in general, and/or society.
 - c. Courageous and responsible handling of sensitive issues - local or societal - despite any threat or imposition of censorship.
 - d. Variety of journalistic experiences, each handled in a quality manner - newspaper, yearbook, broadcast, photography, Web design, other design work, community and other out-of-school journalistic work, etc.

Checklist

- **Do not put any pages into binders or clear page inserts. Do not staple any pages together.**
- The official entry form (*counts as one of the 36 pages*).
- A self-analytical evaluation of your "journalistic life," using your most creative form.
- One action photo of you doing something journalistic - interviewing someone, designing a page, taking a photo or talking to your staff (this is optional).
- Have participated in high school journalism for at least two years.
- An official copy of your transcript (opened and photocopied).
- Three or four letters of recommendation from your adviser, other teachers who know your leadership and journalistic abilities, and practitioners with whom you have worked. A letter from the principal is desirable, but not absolutely necessary.
- Samples of your work carefully selected to show the quality and diversity of your reporting, writing, photography, design, etc. They must be on 8 1/2 by 11 sheets.



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Nominee Information

Student's Name: _____

Street: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

E-mail Address: _____ Home Phone: _____

Parent(s) or Guardian(s) Name: _____

How long have you been involved in journalism? _____

Publication Name	Position	From	To
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

Has any of your work been cited by the media? Yes
(If yes, please use a separate sheet to explain)

Do you plan to enroll in a college or university journalism degree program? Yes

What aspect of journalism is your career goal? _____

List the colleges which you are considering attending, in order of preference. If you have definitely decided which one you will attend, list only that college.

_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	Accepted
_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	Accepted
_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	Accepted

School Information

School: _____

Street: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Adviser's Name: _____ Phone: _____

Hometown Newspaper

Name of Newspaper: _____

Street: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____