



MINNESOTA HIGH SCHOOL PRESS ASSOCIATION NORTH STAR AWARDS

CALL FOR 2010 APPLICATIONS:

North Star Editors North Star Journalists Distinguished Journalists

FREE TO MHSPA MEMBERS!

**North Star Journalists
will be listed on the
MHSPA Web site**

MHSPA North Star Award Application Form

Select award for which you are applying (only one):

North Star Editor:

- Served on staff for two years (four semesters).
- One year must have been in editorial or other leadership position (producer, section editor, business manager)
- At least a 3.75 cumulative grade point average (on a 4.0 scale).

North Star Journalist:

- Served on staff for one year (two semesters).
- At least a 3.75 cumulative grade point average (on a 4.0 scale).

Distinguished Journalist:

- Served on staff for two years (four semesters).
- At least a 2.75 cumulative grade point average (on a 4.0 scale).

Student Name (print clearly)

GPA (on a 4.0 scale)

Student Home Address

City

State

ZIP

School

Adviser Name

Publication/Broadcast

Editorial/Staff Position

Number of Semesters on Staff

Projected Year of Graduation

Entries accepted through May 7, 2010 (This is **not** a postmarked deadline)

Return this form to:

MHSPA North Star Awards
2221 University Avenue SE, Suite 121
Minneapolis, MN 55414

Type of student media (check one):

- [] Newspaper [] Yearbook [] Newsmagazine
[] Lit. Magazine [] Broadcast [] Other _____

Year in school during 2009-2010 school year:

- [] 10th Grade (Sophomore)
[] 11th Grade (Junior)
[] 12th Grade (Senior)

What is the purpose?

MHSPA North Star Awards recognize student journalists who have excelled as journalists, leaders and scholars. All inductees will receive a certificate of recognition for presentation at spring awards ceremonies. A listing of all North Star Award recipients will be published on MHSPA's Web site.

How do you apply?

1. Send verification of GPA and a brief adviser letter of recommendation.
2. Attach the entry form to the left. One form per entry (duplicate as necessary).
3. Submit application until May 7, 2010.

What is required to be inducted?

1. The publication/broadcast on which the student is a member must have active MHSPA membership.
2. A student may apply for North Star Editor, North Star Journalist or Distinguished Journalist but only one of the three. See descriptions at left.
3. Publication/broadcast adviser or journalism teacher must make a brief written recommendation and include the student's current position.
4. Verification of GPA may include a letter from the school guidance counselor or copies of official school transcripts.

Please contact Kathy Huting at MHSPA, 612.625.4337 or kathy@studentpress.org, if you have questions.