



8th annual Lone Star Journalism Writing Contest

co-sponsored by the Texas Press Association and the Interscholastic League Press Conference

The Texas Press Association and the Interscholastic League Press Conference have teamed together to create a contest designed specifically for journalism students throughout Texas. The contest, known as the “Lone Star Journalism Writing Contest” will entail a student writing a “general interest feature” and having it published in their local paper. Cash prizes will be awarded to the winners of the contest. *Since UIL Academics does not have an amateur rule, students may participate in this contest as well as participate in UIL journalism (or any academic contest).*

We encourage students to write and have published several general interest features in the local paper. Each paper or school should send entries to the ILPC office for judging. Entries at the state contest will be broken down into small school (A-3A) and large school (4A-5A) categories. Local papers may choose to have a local contest before submitting entries to ILPC. First place in each category will receive a \$125 cash prize, second place will receive a \$100 cash prize and third place will receive a \$75 cash prize. Winners will be notified after the Mid-Winter TPA convention in Dallas.

RULES:

1. Article must be published in the local paper. The paper’s editor has the right to edit the story or return it to the student for re-write before publishing it.
2. Local newspapers may enter one entry for each category (small school and large school) or may enter one entry for the entire community.
3. The story can be any length, but must be considered a general interest feature. It does not have to focus on the school. The feature can be about anything dealing with the community or something that has had some effect on the community. Good feature writing skills are encouraged and expected.
4. A first, second and third place winner in the small school category and a first, second and third place winner in large school category will receive cash prizes as listed above.
5. Deadline for publication is Nov. 12, and all local winners must have their entries postmarked to the state office no later than Friday, Nov. 14. Winners will be notified by mail.
7. There is no entry form, but on the back of each entry, please place the writer’s name, school, local newspaper, date published and a phone number or e-mail where the contestant can be reached. Also include your school address as well as the newspaper’s name and address.
8. Send entries to: ILPC, c/o Jeanne Acton, P. O. Box 8028, Austin, TX 78713-8028.