



**Deadline: February 15, 2021**

**Washington Journalism Education Association**

## **Washington State Student Journalist of the Year**

**2021 State Award and Robin Morris Scholarship for \$2,000**

WJEA's Student Journalist of the Year winner will be the Washington state entry in the national Journalism Education Association's "Sister Rita Jeanne High School Journalist of the Year" scholarship competition. WJEA will enter the Washington state winner's online portfolio and application materials to the national committee for judging. The national winner will be announced at the JEA/NSPA national spring convention in April. Top national award is \$3,000 in scholarship funds. Runners up are each awarded \$850 scholarships.

The Washington state winner will be announced the first week in March. The winner will receive the Robin Morris Scholarship for \$2,000 regardless of whether he/she earns an award at the national level.

### **ENTRY CRITERIA**

1. Applicant is a graduating high school senior.
2. Applicant has participated in student media for at least two years.
3. Applicant has earned a 3.0 GPA minimum on a 4.0 scale.
4. Adviser is a current WJEA and JEA member.
5. Applicant has submitted an online portfolio according to JEA guidelines.

### **REQUIRED MATERIALS**

JEA and WJEA now require all portfolios to be submitted online only; no hard copies accepted. To prepare a portfolio, follow the national portfolio guidelines EXACTLY as described on the JEA National Journalist of the Year official application site at: <http://jea.org/wp/home/awards-honors/journalist-of-the-year/>. See the links on the right sidebar of the JEA JOY page for further information about how to create an online portfolio and to view samples and judging rubrics. Be sure to watch the **Joy Guidelines Video**, updated for the 2021 contest.

**Important note:** If you are also applying for WJEA's Journalist of the Year award, make sure the portfolios are separate and the links to each are clear and submitted separately.

You also must email the following documents as attachments to WJEA J.O.Y Chair, Annie Green, by February 15, 2021, to [annie.green@sno.wednet.edu](mailto:annie.green@sno.wednet.edu):

1. Attached Entry Form
2. A high school transcript or a counselor's statement including journalism classes taken, grades and current GPA (PDF of 2MB or less)
3. Two photos: An action photo of applicant involved in some aspect of student media and a head/shoulders shot (JPG of 1MB or less)
4. Three letters of recommendation from those who know the applicant well and understand the impact of the journalistic experience on the student's life (each a PDF of 2MB or less)
5. Current resume (PDF of 2MB or less)
6. Self-analytical essay (follow JEA Journalist of the Year guidelines.)



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## ENTRY FORM

WJEA 2021 J.O.Y. AWARD / ROBIN MORRIS SCHOLARSHIP: \$2,000

Student name \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred email \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Link to online portfolio (URL): \_\_\_\_\_

Street address/City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Gurardian name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian email \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

School \_\_\_\_\_

School address \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

School phone \_\_\_\_\_ Adviser's Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Instagram handle(s) \_\_\_\_\_ (both student media & personal accounts, if applicable)

Adviser's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Adviser's Email \_\_\_\_\_

Does Adviser hold JEA Certification?    CJE    MJE    No

Hometown newspaper or community news website name \_\_\_\_\_

URL \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Complete this entry form as a fillable PDF online (available at [wjea.org](http://wjea.org)) or complete in pen and scan it. When your online portfolio is complete, email this entry form as an attachment with the other materials identified above to:

**Annie Green, MJE, WJEA J.O.Y. Award chair: [annie.green@sno.wednet.edu](mailto:annie.green@sno.wednet.edu)**

Please use the subject line "JOY application," and provide a sentence or two of introduction in the body of the email.