



Washington Journalism Education Association Lu Flannery Outstanding Journalist Submission deadline: February 15, 2024

WJEA's Lu Flannery Outstanding Journalist Award recognizes one Washington state senior who has made significant contributions to his/her journalism program. Scholarship award:\$2,000.

Entry criteria

1. Graduating high school senior
2. Applicant has made significant contributions to the school's student media.
3. 3.0 GPA minimum on a 4.0 scale
4. Adviser is a WJEA member
5. Letter of nomination from the student's adviser (no more than three additional letters from teachers)

What to submit

Online portfolio must include:

- Self-evaluation of applicant's "journalistic life" (max. 500 words)
- Three to seven work samples showing quality and diversity

Emailed materials must include:

- Official entry form
- Letter of nomination
- Up to three additional letters (optional)

Preparing your portfolio

1. You may use any online tool to create and share your portfolio. Here are the JEA guidelines for building a Wordpress portfolio for its Journalist of the Year award: **Important note:** The JEA site refers specifically to the Journalist of the Year portfolio. WJEA's Lu Flannery portfolio carries somewhat different content requirements. If you are also applying for WJEA's Journalist of the Year award, make sure the portfolios are separate.
2. In your self evaluation essay, consider the following questions: How did you get started in journalism? What have you had to go through to achieve success in journalism? What have you contributed to journalism? What are your plans for further education in the future?
3. Samples of work should be varied and must be labeled with the date and media name.
4. If applicable, work samples should show one or more of the following characteristics. Please group and label samples according to what they represent and why they were chosen:
 - Skilled and creative use of media content – writing, production, photography, etc.
 - Inquiry and investigative persistence resulting in in-depth study or studies of issues important to the local high school community, high school students in general, or society
 - Courageous, responsible handling of controversial issues despite threat of censorship
 - Variety of journalistic experiences handled in a quality manner
 - Sustained and commendable work with community media

Award recognition

- A panel of local professional journalists and educators evaluate entries.
- The scholarship of \$2,000 goes directly to the college where the winner will attend.
- The winner will be announced during the WJEA Spring Conference on March 9, 2024. The winner's name will be published on the WJEA Web site, www.wjea.org.
- The parent(s)/guardian(s), adviser and principal of the recipient will be notified and a press release will be sent to local media.

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OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM: Deadline: February 15, 2024
form is fillable on screen

2024 AWARD/SCHOLARSHIP of \$2,000

Complete this entry form as a fillable PDF (available at wjea.org) or to complete in pen, print, then scan it and email it as an attachment with your Letter of Nomination and any additional letters to Kathy Schrier, WJEA executive director: wjeaexecutivedirector@gmail.com. Please use the subject line "Lu Flannery Award application," and provide a sentence or two of introduction in the body of the email.

Student name _____ Gender _____ Graduation year _____

Preferred email address _____ Phone:voice/text _____

Link to online portfolio (URL): _____

Street address _____ City _____ Zip _____

Parent/Guardianname(s) _____

Preferred email address _____ Phone _____

School Name _____ Principal _____

School Address _____ Zip _____

Adviser name _____ (must be current WJEA member)

Adviser phone _____ Adviser email _____

How long have you been involved in journalism? _____

Position:

Year(s):

Media:

_____ from _____ to _____

_____ from _____ to _____

_____ from _____ to _____

Has any of your work been honored by WJEA, JEA, NSPA or other media organizations? If so, name award and provide details:

Hometown newspaper or community news website URL _____

Additional comments for evaluators: _____
