

Call for Entries 2019

JAY P. WAGNER PRIZE FOR YOUNG JOURNALISTS

To honor the memory of Jay P. Wagner, a lifelong Iowa newspaper reporter and editor whose passions included encouraging young reporters and promoting great community journalism.

ABOUT THE AWARD



When Jay P. Wagner died in 2009 at the age of 45, his family and friends wanted to honor his commitment to young journalists and community newspapering. Jay worked for several

Iowa publications, including the Sheldon N'West Iowa REVIEW, which his family owns, The Des Moines Register, the Iowan magazine and the Des Moines Business Record. He loved telling the stories of Iowa and Iowans, and was a friend and mentor to countless young journalists.

Winners of the Jay P. Wagner Prize for Young Journalists will receive \$500 and a plaque and be recognized at the 2019 INA Convention in February.

The INF Scholarship Committee will review applicants for the award and select the final recipients. Nominations not selected for 2019 will also be considered in 2020.

CRITERIA

The contest is open to any reporter, columnist, editorial writer or blogger working on a newspaper in Iowa.

All entrants must be 30 years old or younger as of Dec. 31, 2018.

TO ENTER

Submissions may include up to five examples of the journalist's best work, published between Oct. 1, 2017 and Sept. 30, 2018.

The entry can be varied – for example, three news stories, an editorial and a blog posting – but special emphasis will be given to entries that demonstrate keen story-telling ability and a deep appreciation for Iowa and its people, qualities that Jay Wagner exemplified.

Entries can be submitted electronically or by hard copy. Please submit original full-page tearsheets or PDFs of newspaper stories and copies of blog postings. Each individual submission should be dated. A letter of nomination should be included with entry.

Entry Deadline: October 12, 2018



PLEASE SUBMIT ENTRIES TO:

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Jay P. Wagner Prize for Young Journalists,
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