



MASTER EDITOR-PUBLISHER AWARD

2025 NOMINATION FORM

The Master Editor-Publisher award is one of the most prestigious awards given to Iowa newspaper professionals.

THE FOUR SELECTION CRITERIA ARE:

- The nominee has worked hard;
- The nominee has influenced unselfishly;
- The nominee has thought soundly;
- The nominee has lived honorably.

Eligibility: This award may be given to any person who at the time of the selection is actively engaged in editing and/or publishing a newspaper which is a member in good standing of the Iowa Newspaper Association.

I nominate the following individual for consideration by the selection committee to receive the INA Master Editor-Publisher Award:

Name: _____ Newspaper: _____

Nominated by:

Name: _____ Newspaper: _____

Email: _____ Phone Number: _____

Please supply the selection committee with a complete nomination (as outlined at right) as well as any information you think will be helpful in deciding on the award winners for this year. The committee has requested that this information be as complete and thorough as possible. Nominations without such information will not be considered. The selection committee of past recipients is instructed to be very demanding. The award(s) will be presented at the Awards Banquet during the INA Convention on February 13, 2025. (Nominations not selected will also be considered in 2025 and 2026.)

A complete nomination will include the following:

- A letter of support from the nominator
- Basic resume of the nominee's newspaper career
- Additional letters of support from co-workers or others



DEADLINE FOR ENTRIES IS JULY 31, 2024.

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IOWA NEWSPAPER ASSOCIATION

MASTER EDITOR-PUBLISHER AWARD WINNERS

- 1932**
Joseph F. Grawe, Waverly
Harvey Ingham, Des Moines
Elmer E. Taylor, Traer
- 1933**
Ed M. Smith, Winterset
E.P. Adler, Davenport
W.G. Ray, Grinnell
- 1934**
W. C. Jarnagin, Storm Lake
Wm. P. Moscrip, Marshalltown
Grant Caswell, Des Moines
Wm. P. Wortman, Malvern
- 1935**
John c. Hartman, Waterloo
M.A. Aasgaard, Lake Mills
- 1936**
James R. Rhodes, Newton
K.F. Baldrige, Bloomfield
- 1937**
Thomas W. Purcell, Hampton
E.P. Chase, Atlantic
Victor Lovejoy, Jefferson
- 1938**
Ward Barnes, Eagle Grove
Orville Elder, Washington
J.G. Lucas, Madrid
- 1939**
Jesse M. Beck, Centerville
John M. Grimes, Osceola
Scott Snyder, Adel
- 1940**
W.C. Dewel, Algona
Chas. Rogers, Mt. Pleasant
Paul C. Woods, Sheldon
- 1941**
Chas. N. Marvin, Shenandoah
Frank Jaqua, Humboldt
E.P. Harrison, Oakland
- 1942**
J.L. Papes, Marion
Leon S. Barnes, Northwood
- 1943**
Don L. Berry, Indianola
Sherman W. Needham, Ames
Geo. C. Tucker, Webster City
- 1944**
F.W. Beckman, Knoxville
Stephen Goldthwaite, Boone
Ralph Overholser, Red Oak
- 1945**
Fred W. Hill, Hamburg
Jas. McCutcheon, Mt. Vernon
Wm. S. Rupe, Ames
- 1946**
Paul A. Olson, Story City
John W. Haggard, Algona
W. Earl Hall, Mason City
- 1947**
Chas. A. Doxsee, Monticello
Hoge Howard Sadler, Pella
Justin Barry, Cherokee
- 1948**
James C. Gillespie, LeMars
Phil Hoffman, Oskaloosa
C.S. Walling, Oskaloosa
- 1949**
Claude Campbell, Jewell
Ralph Shannon, Washington
Paul C. Smith, Rock Rapids
- 1950**
John Huston, Ottumwa
Willis Overholser, Sibley
S.E. Tennant, Colfax
- 1951**
James Wilson, Carroll
Duane E. Dewel, Algona
David Sutherland, Sr., Montezuma
- 1952**
G.E. Whitehead, Perry
Will F. Lindsey, Leon
B.H. Shearer, Columbus Junction
- 1953**
Lee P. Loomis, Mason City
A. L. Frisbie, Grinnell
John Vanderwicken, Grundy Center
Don Reid, West Des Moines
- 1954**
W. D. Archie, Shenandoah
Carl Caswell, Clarinda
Wm. Allender, Chariton
- 1955**
L. B. Watt, Grinnell
Lloyd O. Brewer, Newton
K. H. Sidey, Greenfield
- 1956**
Harold V. Ellis, Marengo
Paul Norris, Marshalltown
Harry E. Taylor, Traer
- 1957**
C.W. Moody, Burlington
A.W. Hamblin, Bedford
Carl E. Sexauer, Ogden
- 1958**
Walter Williams, Fairfield
Charles Hacke, Sac City
George Carman, Buffalo Center
- 1959**
Walter Merryman, Fort Dodge
John Burrows, Belle Plaine
J.C. Moore, Winterset
- 1960**
F.D. Simpson, Atlantic
Robert Burrows, Sr.,
Belle Plaine
Lloyd McCutcheon, Sibley
- 1961**
A.K. Walling, Oskaloosa
Carl Hamilton, Iowa Falls
Gordon Aasgaard, Lake Mills
- 1962**
Lew Warren, Oelwein
Karl Le Compte, Corydon
Carl Hogendorn, North English
- 1963**
M. B. Crabbe, Eagle Grove
Robert K. Beck, Centerville
Elmer E. Taylor, Traer
- 1964**
Phil Adler, Davenport
Fred Morain, Jefferson
Leo Mores, Harlan
- 1965**
Ken MacDonald, Des Moines
Phil Jarnagin, Storm Lake
Tom B. Powell, Jr., Anamosa
- 1966**
Mrs. Harold Garvey, Boone
Dale Merrill, Ida Grove
Dick Westerfield, West Union
- 1967**
Hollis Nordyke, Ames
Neil Maurer, Laurens
Lew Kimer, Indianola
- 1968**
Reeves Hall, Independence
Deemer Lee, Estherville
John Feuling, New Hampton
- 1969**
Dwight Purcell, Hampton
F. A. Wortman, Malvern
A. M. Patterson, Mount Pleasant
- 1970**
Joe f. Hladky, Jr., Cedar Rapids
Keith Hawk, Knoxville
Robert Melvold, Maquoketa
- 1971**
W. J. Carmichael, Webster City
John Baldrige, Chariton
Wayne & Jeanne Davis, Seymour
- 1972**
Fred Grawe, Waverly
Robert Larson, Albia
E. J. Van Nostrand, Creston
- 1973**
Benjamin F. Carter, Jr., Forest City
G. Wiley Beveridge, Williamsburg
Charles Davis, Iowa Falls
- 1974**
Robert J. McCoy, Waterloo
William L. Lindsey, Leon
Prof. James Schwartz, I.S.U.
H. M. "Johnny" Jones, Monticello
- 1975**
Albert Pinder, Grinnell
John van der Linden, Sibley
Carter Pitts, LeMars
- 1976**
Everett A. Streit, Clinton
Kenneth A. Robinson, Bayard
William Ferguson, Glidden
- 1977**
Robert & Evelyn Reiste, Ocheyedan
John Anderson, Storm Lake
Frank Nye, Cedar Rapids
- 1978**
Thomas H. Miller, Cherokee
Robert L. Caswell, Red Oak
John L. Morrissey, Montezuma
- 1979**
Dave Elder, Washington
Dick Knowles, Denison
Russ Waller, Algona
- 1980**
Hugh Doty, Corydon
Gerald G. Moriarity, Mason City
Robert Parrott, DeWitt
Bruce A. Turvold, Cresco
- 1981**
Ed Sidey, Greenfield
Robert Lyon, Schleswig
Frank Morlan, Sheldon
- 1982**
C. W. Wilcox, Madrid
W. E. Beck, Spirit Lake
Walter Stevens, Fort Dodge
- 1983**
Charles Gonzales, Guthrie Center
Stuart Awbrey, Burlington
W. R. Vezina, Hartley
M. E. Messersmith, Riceville
- 1984**
Verle Burgason, Ames
John Field, Hamburg
Maury Noonan, Dyersville
John Sullivan, Cascade
- 1985**
Al Schafer, Eldora
Richard Gross, Council Bluffs
Carl Cassidy, Lime Springs
- 1986**
John (Andy) Anderson, Spencer
Shirley Omer, Primghar
Forrest Kilmer, Davenport
Herbert Clark, Tipton
- 1987**
Rick Morain, Jefferson
Jerry Bloom, Logan
Len Strasburg, Manchester
- 1988**
Joe Hladky III, Cedar Rapids
Dave Norris, Marshalltown
Gary & Sharon Alban, Ogden
Ben & Lucy Colby, Rock Rapids
- 1989**
Gary Spurgeon, Bloomfield
Steve Mores, Harlan
Harris Honsey, Lake Mills
- 1990**
Burl Tiedemann, Adel
Mary Louise Robinson, Bayard
James Patton, Gowrie
Paul Bunge, Osage
- 1991**
John Robertson, Cedar Rapids
Lloyd & Alice Madson, Northwood
Ed & Billie Robinson, Hartley
Jim Hodges, Wapello
- 1992**
Drake Mabry, Ames
Jim Lindvall, Griswold
Jerry Blue, West Union
- 1993**
Virgil Oakman, Lake View
Don Magdefrau, Benton Co.
Carolyn Cole Gage, Villisca
- 1994**
Jim Wilson, Carroll
Ann Wilson, Carroll
Mark Hamilton, Iowa Falls
Dean Krenz, Sioux City
- 1995**
Ed Littler, Adair
Gary Gerlach, Ames
Bill Tubbs, Eldridge
Ed Rood, Slater
- 1996**
Donna Haight, Afton
Dan Field, Corning
Joe Roth, Hampton
- 1997**
Arvid Huisman, Creston
Dan Feuling, New Hampton
Darwin Sherman, Washington
- 1998**
Michael Gartner, Ames
Jo Martin, Iowa Falls
Edward "Mike" Lyon, Mapleton
- 1999**
Dorothy Pinder, Grinnell
H. Alan Smith, Mt. Ayr
Joe McDermott, Newton
Merle Kent Shawd, Woodward
- 2000**
Alan Mores, Harlan
Doris Vezina, Hartley
Bob Goodyear, Monticello
- 2001**
Bill Mertens, Burlington
Scott Gonzales, Guthrie Center
Roger Rector, Ida Grove
- 2002**
Dirk and Lee van der Linden, Belmond
Mary Rueter, DeWitt
Tom Yunt, Dubuque
- 2003**
David Paxton, Albia
Mike Simmons, Marengo
Dana Larsen, Storm Lake
- 2004**
Larry Woellert, Anamosa/Manchester
Mark Bowden, Cedar Rapids
Gary Lindsey, Leon
- 2005**
Brad Hicks, Hampton
Bill Casey, Iowa City
David Allen, Lamoni
- 2006**
Art & John Cullen, Storm Lake
Connie Wimer, Des Moines
Dan DeBettignies, Montezuma
- 2007**
Rick Fromm, Decorah
Larry Bushman, Fort Dodge
- 2008**
Martin Bunge, Marengo
Gary Milks, Fort Madison
Howard Query, Mason City
- 2009**
Lowell Carlson, Bellevue
Ken Chaney, Sigourney
Brian Cooper, Dubuque
Dennis Wilcox, Madrid
- 2010**
Amy Duncan, Indianola
Ron Peterson, Sioux City
Peter Wagner, Sheldon
- 2011**
Mike Finnegan, Clear Lake
Jane Podgorniak, Northwood
Mike Schlesinger, Marshalltown
- 2012**
John Goossen, Iowa Falls
Gene Hall, Charles City
Doug Lindner, Solon
Mary Ungs-Sogaard, Dyersville
- 2013**
Dave Stanley, New Hampton
Luann Waldo, Bayard
Jerry Wiseman, Sac City
- 2014**
Bill Haglund, Adel
Mark Rhoades, Missouri Valley
- 2015**
Charles Nixon, Coon Rapids
James Gargano, Humboldt
- 2016**
Scott Campbell, Eldridge
Steve Delaney, Burlington
- 2017**
LeAnn Larson, Fayette
Ron Slechta, Kalona
Stuart Clark, Tipton
- 2018**
Dodie Hook, Akron
Doug Burns, Carroll
Paula Buenger, Spencer
- 2019**
Marlys Barker, Nevada
Mark Spensley, Monticello
Mike Hodges, Wapello
- 2022**
Brad Swenson, Missouri Valley
Kristin Grabinoski, Armstrong
Zack Kucharski, Cedar Rapids
William E. Littler III & Connie Littler, Adair
- 2023**
Terry Christensen, Fort Dodge
Bruce Miller, Sioux City
Karen Spurgeon, Bloomfield
Jeff Wagner, Sheldon