



MASTER EDITOR-PUBLISHER AWARD

2026 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 5, 2026. (Nominations not selected will also be considered in 2026 and 2027.)

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, 2025.

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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

2024

Randy Cauthron, Spencer
Kent Thonpson, Humboldt
Carol Hunter, Des Moines

2025

Anelia Dimitrova, Waverly
Amy Gilligan, Dubuque