

PSPA Contests

ready to roll

The categories...

PSPA proudly announces that the 2023-2024 PSPA Student Journalism Contests will happen once again at colleges and universities across the state. See the timeline below for specifics.

You will have two weeks to preregister your kids. Look below for all relevant dates.

Timeline...

Regional Site/Date Confirmations:

Site - Date - Registration Timeline

- Point Park - October 13 - (9/25-9/6)
- Slippery Rock - October 27- (10/9-10/20)
- Temple - October 27 - (10/9-10/20)
- Juniata - November 1 - (10/16-10/25)
- Bloomsburg - November 2 - (10/16-10/26)
- York College - November 3 - (10/16-10/27)
- PSU Behrend - November 3 - (10/16-10/27)
- PSU Berks - November 8 - (10/25-11/1)

NOTE: Schools may compete at only one regional. No student may compete in more than one category. Schools may only have up to **THREE** kids compete in each category.

Adviser To Do List

1. GET THOSE FIELD TRIP REQUESTS IN ASAP. That's vital.

- Upon release of the rubrics, have your students become familiar with them. **Our Best Advice:** Use them as tools to better your whole staff.
- For categories 4Y, 8E, 10L and 11L, students may bring their own dry color mediums to use (colored pencils, markers, colored ink pens - no paints or spillable mediums allowed.)
- If you have students competing in categories 13YP, 14NP, 15BN, or 15BF, make sure you look over the "Items to Note" below.
- ALL schools must log on to paschoolpress.org to become a member. **MEMBERSHIP IS FREE!**

1Y - Yearbook Caption Writing - Given five candid pictures and background information, students must write five quality captions.

2Y - Yearbook Story Writing - Given a topic, background information, and quotes, students will have to write a 250-300 word story.

3Y - Yearbook Sports Story Writing - Given a topic, background information, and quotes, students will have to write a 250-300 word sports story.

4Y - Yearbook Spread Design - Given three different design options and a topic, students will have to hand draw plans for an *Student Life* yearbook spread as it might appear in their books.

5N - Newspaper Story Writing - Given a topic, background information, and quotes, students will have to write a 250-300 word story.

6N - Newspaper Feature Story Writing - Given a topic, background information, and quotes, students will have to write a 250-300 word feature story.

7N - Newspaper Sports Story Writing - Given a topic, background information, and quotes, students will have to write a 250-300 word sports story.

8E - Newspaper Editorial Cartoon - Students will receive an information sheet on a topic of general interest. After reading the material, students will create a relevant cartoon. Judges will look for a simple and clear editorial statement with evidence of artistic ability and a creative/cunning approach.

9E - Newspaper Editorial Writing - Students will receive an information sheet on a topic of general interest. After reading the material, students will write an editorial using their ideas to either support or oppose a position.

10L - Literary Magazine Poetry - Students will write an original poem for a literary magazine using a theme and length given. Title the poem, and clearly indicate lines through identification and the use of margins. Students should: exhibit an understanding of poetry, its conventions, punctuation, and potential; create a setting; convey a tone; connect to feelings; and delve beyond the surface.

11L - Literary Magazine Artwork - Students will receive a poem. After reading it, they will create a drawing relevant to the poem that would accompany it in a literary magazine.

12B - Broadcast Writing - Students will be given six stories that they must convert into broadcast style. The script should examine at least four, be 90-seconds long (give or take five seconds), and adhere to the conventions of broadcast writing.

13YP - Yearbook Photography - Students will submit five pictures: framing, academics, anything music, frozen action, and best-in-show. The contest also requires well-written captions for each.

14NP - Newspaper Photography - Students will submit five pictures: framing, academics, anything music, frozen action, and best-in-show. The contest also requires well-written captions for each.

15BN - Broadcast Video News Package Up to three students may collectively submit a broadcast news package created after November 16, 2022.

15BF - Broadcast Video Feature Package Up to three students may collectively submit a broadcast feature package created after November 16, 2022.

New

16BL - Blog
To compete here, students must provide the web address that takes us to their best blog created after November 16, 2022.

17POD - Podcast
To compete here, students must provide the web address that takes us to their best podcast created after November 16, 2022.

Items to Note...

- You will have to preregister your students. Since registrations vary per different college requirements, we will update you with the full registration process later.
- FOR PHOTO CATEGORIES** (13YP and 14NP), students will have to submit five pictures and captions **ONLINE** by no later than the school's chosen Regional site date: framing, academics, anything music, frozen action, and best in show shots. Students must include a full caption for each one.

- PAYMENT** - We will send you a purchase order for your total owed shortly **AFTER** the event. Non-payment may disqualify students from competing in Finals. Note: The cost for each student to compete is \$15.
- FOR VIDEO CATEGORIES** (15BN and 15BF), up to three students may collectively submit a broadcast news package created after November 16, 2022. Students will have to submit their piece **ONLINE** by no later than the school's chosen Regional site date.
- NEW** - (16BL and 17POD.) Look right to see more details about it.