



Send Us Your Best Editorial

ENTRY DEADLINE: MONDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2026

Enter ISWNE's 66th Annual Golden Quill Award Contest

Entries should reflect the purpose of the ISWNE: Encouraging the writing of editorials or staff-written opinion pieces that identify local issues that are or should be of concern to the community, offer an opinion, and support a course of action.

Eligibility: All newspapers of less than daily frequency (published fewer than four days per week) are eligible to enter. Online-only newspapers must be considered community news sites. Syndicated columnists are not eligible. Entries must have been published between Jan. 1 and Dec. 31, 2025.

Cost: \$15 per entry (each editorial or column) per person for ISWNE members, \$20 per entry for non-members, and \$5 per entry for students. (There is a separate division for student entries.) Three entries are allowed per person.

How to Submit Entries: Select up to six best editorials or signed opinion pieces from your newspaper. **Three is the maximum number of entries permitted from each individual.** Go to newspapercontest.com/iswne to get started.

Under Register, you will need to create a password. Your Seccode or Association code will be ISWNE. Email Chad Stebbins at cstebbins@mopress.com if you are unsure of your Member Status.

After you successfully log in, click on the "Add New Entry" link. For each entry, include either a URL or use the drop box to upload. Under Explanation, include instructions on how to access your paywall if the entry (the URL) is behind one. You may also add a note of explanation to the judge to clarify something about the entry, but this is not required.

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Questions? Email Chad Stebbins at cstebbins@mopress.com

Grassroots Editor, ISWNE's biannual journal, will reprint the 12 best editorials and top three student editorials in the Summer 2026 edition.

The Golden Quill winner will be invited to attend ISWNE's annual conference in Cardiff, Wales, July 15-19, 2026. The winner will receive a conference scholarship and travel expenses up to \$1,000.

