



Send Us Your Best Editorial

ENTRY DEADLINE: MONDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2027

Enter ISWNE's 67th 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 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, 2026.

Cost: \$15 per entry (each editorial or column) per person for ISWNE members, \$20 per entry for non-members and free 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 2027 edition.**

The Golden Quill winner will be invited to attend ISWNE's annual conference in Indianapolis, Indiana, July 21-25, 2027. The winner will receive a conference scholarship and travel expenses up to \$500.

