



## CONTEST CONTACT INFORMATION

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## REGISTRATION DEADLINE

April 25, 2014  
Please register your state entries by this date. Confirm and/or correct all spelling of student names.

## VIDEO NEWS POSTMARK DEADLINE

April 25, 2014

## SPECIAL NEEDS DEADLINE

April 25, 2014

## CARRY-IN'S MUST BE POSTMARKED NO LATER THAN

April 30, 2014

## CONTEST REGISTRATION

8 a.m. - 8:45 a.m.

## CONTEST OPENING ASSEMBLY

8:50 a.m. - 9:15 a.m.

## ADVISER BRUNCH and BUSINESS MEETING

9:30 a.m. - 11 a.m.

# Kansas Scholastic Press Association 2014 State Contest Information and Rules

April 16, 2014

Dear Adviser:

On Saturday, May 3, 2014, you and your competing students will join us on the University of Kansas campus for the 44rd Annual State Contest and business meeting.

The KSPA website includes all information you should need about the state contest. Your students will use the *same* five-digit student identification numbers they used at the regional contests.

### Entries

No substitutions are permitted at the state contest, whether individuals or teams. Students who placed first, second, third or honorable mention at regionals are permitted to compete.

### Carry-in contests

Eleven carry-in contests will be offered: Advertising, Headline Writing, Infographics, News Page Design, Yearbook Layout, Yearbook Theme Development, Academics Photography, Student Life Photography, Sports Photography, Photo Illustration and Video News Package. Specific carry-in topics and instructions have been posted on the website.

Carry-in contests must be either hand-delivered by the close of registration on the contest date on May 3 or be mailed directly to the contest site. Mailed carry-in entries **MUST** be postmarked by April 30, 2014.

### On-site contests

Nine on-site contests will be offered: Editing, Editorial Cartoon, Editorial Writing, Cutline Writing, Yearbook Sports Writing, Yearbook Copy Writing, Feature Writing, News Writing and Newspaper Sports Writing.

### Transportation

If your group comes by bus, you may unload in front of the Kansas Union. The bus may be parked at the Lied Center (Lot 300) on west campus. If you plan to arrive by car, the blue zones are metered until noon on Saturdays; the red and yellow zones are not metered at all. There is plenty of paid parking available in the parking garage north of the Kansas Union. If you park there, you must pay with a credit card when you leave the lot.

### Fees

The fee for each entry is \$10. A \$10 per school entry fee will also be assessed to cover the cost of postage to return entries following the competition. Although payment does not need to accompany the entry form, payment must be made prior to the time of competition. Checks should be made payable to Kansas Scholastic Press Association. Students will be expected to pay for their own lunch and housing if they elect to remain overnight. Affordable lunch options may be purchased in the Market in the Kansas Union. *A link to the form for fees is on the website.*

### Student Supervision

Students must remain on the premises where they are competing. Advisers must accompany students to the contest site.

### Adviser Brunch and Business Meeting

At the adviser brunch, which will begin at 9:30 a.m., we will recognize the Engel Award winner

and KSPA Award winners. The KSPA business meeting will follow. Advisers may attend the business meeting without attending the brunch in the Kansas Room.

### **Regulations**

The director of the state contest is authorized to enforce the rules approved by the executive committee. If any adviser violates the rules, his or her students will be disqualified and the principal of the school involved will be notified. Advisers are prohibited from entering rooms where entries are being judged. Advisers are not to give advice or suggestions on carry-in contests. Student questions should be directed to the KSPA Executive Director.

### **Awards and Judging**

Certificates will be mailed to students who place first, second or third in the contest. Honorable Mentions will also be recognized with a certificate. Entries will be returned the week following contest with the exception of those entries that placed first. The first place entries will be saved for Simply Better, and emailed to members each fall.

A permanent plaque will be awarded to the school that scores the most points in each division: 6A, 5A, 4A, 3A, 2A and 1A. Scoring is based on five points for first, four points for second, three points for third and one point for honorable mention. A certificate in each division will be awarded to the sweepstakes' runners-up.

Judges will be university journalism faculty members, former high school advisers no longer employed by a school district, and professional journalists. Judges are encouraged to make comments on the grading rubrics whenever time permits. Judges volunteer their services without pay and have no vested interest in high school journalism.

### **Students with Special Needs**

Please be advised that handicapped persons will be given an equal opportunity to participate in and benefit from all contests sponsored or sanctioned by KSPA and the University of Kansas, which acts as host for the KSPA contest. If you or any of your students need to be so accommodated, please let the contest director know what these accommodations are by April 25, 2014.

### **On-Site Contest Rules and Tips**

Two entries per category per school are allowed.

**Cutline Writing:** Students will write cutlines for five photos provided at the contest site. Students may write in pen or pencil. Paper will be provided at the contest site. Students may use a dictionary, thesaurus and A.P. style manuals. The use of personal listening devices (i.e. iPods), recording devices, personal computers or electric typewriters during the contest is prohibited.

**Writing Contests:** (yearbook copy, yearbook sports, feature, news, sports and editorial writing contests) Students will write a story based on information provided on a fact sheet. Students may write in pen or pencil. Paper will be provided at the contest site. Students may use a dictionary, thesaurus and A.P. style manuals. The use of personal listening devices (i.e. iPods), recording devices, personal computers or electric typewriters during the contest is prohibited.

**Editorial Cartoon:** Students will design a cartoon relevant to the topic provided on the fact sheet. The final entry should be submitted in black ink. Do not place your signature or name anywhere on the entry. Paper will be provided at the contest site. The use of personal listening devices (i.e. iPods), recording devices, personal computers or electric typewriters during the contest is prohibited.

**Editing:** Students will edit a news story. Students should edit for A.P. style, accuracy, libel, attribution, correct paragraphing, grammar, spelling and redundancy. Correct copy editing symbols must be used. Students should edit in pencil. Students may use a dictionary, thesaurus and A.P. style manuals. The use of personal listening devices (i.e. iPods), recording devices, personal computers or electric typewriters during the contest is prohibited.

We look forward to having you and your students with us on May 3.

Sincerely,

Kara Lynch  
Interim Director