

2014 NOMINATION FORM AD ASTRA AWARD



The *Ad Astra* award honors an individual who has displayed a significant effort to 1) continually improve his/her journalism program OR 2) make a significant contribution to the profession of advising in Kansas. The recipient of the award will receive a \$250 cash prize, a plaque, and a complimentary one-year membership to KSPA.

Nominee's Name and Title _____

Nominator _____

Number of years in working relationship with nominee _____

School _____

The nominee will be judged on the following five criteria:

- 1) At least five years advising experience and a commitment to continued advising with consistent (not necessarily consecutive) membership in KSPA and/or JEA.
- 2) Regular participation in KSPA regional contest, fall conferences, and/or summer workshops to improve student skills and advising abilities.
- 3) Support of first amendment rights through teaching of the law and allowing student leadership and free expression.
- 4) A significant contribution of personal time and effort to improve the quality of scholastic journalism in his/her school OR the profession of advising in Kansas.
- 5) Overcoming a considerable challenge or obstacle (such as but not limited to: budget constraints, low enrollment, socio-economic disadvantages in the district, multiple teaching assignments and sponsorships, legislative or administrative opposition to scholastic journalism, etc.).

Note: Please attach a letter explaining incidents and examples which are pertinent to your nomination, limit one nominee per school district. Also, condense letter to no more than 250 words and include years of support to scholastic journalism, which is an important element of consideration in the selection process. Also, submit two additional letters of recommendation from students or former students, colleagues, a publication representative, a parent, members of the professional press, or an administrator addressing "Award Criteria 2-4" above (if nominating the same teacher as last year, letters of recommendation not required--last year's letters will suffice). Please send completed nomination to: Kara Lynch, Kansas Scholastic Press Association, Stauffer-Flint Hall, University of Kansas, 1435 Jayhawk Blvd., Lawrence, KS 66045. For questions, call the KSPA office at (785) 864-0605.

Entries must be postmarked by March 12, 2014