

LONE STAR

Journalism Writing Contest

co-sponsored by the Texas Press Association and the Interscholastic League Press Conference

The Texas Press Association and the Interscholastic League Press Conference once again have teamed together to organize a contest designed specifically for journalism students throughout Texas. The contest, known as the “Lone Star Journalism Writing Contest,” involves a student writing a **general interest feature** and then publishing the article in the local paper. Cash prizes will be awarded to the winners of the contest. *Since UIL Academics does not have an amateur rule, students may participate in this contest as well as participate in UIL journalism (or any academic contest).*

We encourage students to write and submit several general interest features to the local paper. For the contest, each student should send his/her entry to the ILPC office for judging. Entries will be broken down into small school (A-4A) and large school (5A-6A) categories. First place in each category will receive a \$125 cash prize, second place will receive a \$100 cash prize and third place will receive a \$75 cash prize. Winners will be notified after the Mid-Winter TPA convention in San Marcos.

RULES:

1. Article must be published in the local paper between June 1, 2018 and Nov. 16, 2018. The paper’s editor has the right to edit the story or return it to the student for re-write before publishing it.
2. Schools may enter multiple students, but students may enter only one entry.
3. The story can be any length, but should be a general interest feature. It does not have to focus on the school. The feature can be about anything dealing with the community or something that has had some effect on the community. Good feature writing skills are encouraged and expected.
4. A first, second and third place winner in the small school category and a first, second and third place winner in large school category will receive cash prizes as listed above.
5. Deadline for publication is Nov. 16, and all entries must be emailed or postmarked no later than Monday, Nov. 19. Mail entries to: ILPC, c/o Jeanne Acton, P. O. Box 8028, Austin, TX 78713-8028 or email them to jacton@uiltexas.org.
6. There is no entry form, but with the entry please include the 1) writer’s name, 2) adviser’s name, 3) name of school, 4) school address, 5) local newspaper name, 6) date published and 7) a phone number or e-mail where the adviser can be reached.
7. Winners will be notified by mail. If you have questions, contact Jeanne Acton at 512.232.4924 or email.