

ROOKIE NEWS (Print and Online)

IAA Contest Rules

This category is for schools that have not entered IAA and ILPC competition in the last three years. If you enter in this category, you cannot enter in the other NP IAA categories. All submissions must be uploaded by Feb. 15.

You must submit IAAs by uploading pdfs and jpegs (photos only) to the online entry system. If you have a problem uploading files, please contact our office ASAP at ILPC@uiltexas.org.

- All work must be that of a student and published between Feb. 15, 2023 and Feb. 15, 2024.
- AI-assisted work is not eligible for competition.
- Photos must be taken by students and only one student can take a photo. NOTE: Photos submitted in the fall yearbook IAA competition may not be entered in this competition.
- All entries become the property of ILPC and may be published in ILPC or UIL materials.
- All entries (other than photos) submitted online must be pdfs. Photos can be jpegs with caption information in the metadata.
- Results will be announced at the ILPC State Convention at The University of Texas at Austin.

Decisions of the judges are final. No Tops in Texas winners will be selected for this category.

Schools may submit two entries in each of the following categories.

1. **NEWS WRITING** - An article which presents the latest or most current information on new or already-published information, past events or future events.
2. **SUBJECTIVE WRITING** - An editorial written as statement of staff, a personal column or a review of some sort.
3. **FEATURE STORY** - Personality profiles or human-interest general features. Emphasis should be rich in detail and liberal use of quotes
4. **SPORTS STORY** - Sports features or sports news is acceptable for this category.
5. **PAGE DESIGN (Print Only)** - For this entry, you may submit any single page design from any section of the newspaper.
6. **NEWS/FEATURE PHOTO** - The student-shot photo should be a news or feature photo. Include caption information in the metadata.
7. **SPORTS PHOTO** - The student-shot photo should be a sports photo (action or feature). Include caption information in the metadata.
8. **VIDEO STORY** - A student produced video story published on a website or social media.