

# GSPA UPCOMING CHAMPION JOURNALIST AWARD ENTRY FORM

The Upcoming Champion Journalist Award is a new award given to the top high school junior journalist. The qualifications and recognition mirror the Champion Journalist Award for high school seniors. Prizes include a scholarship to the GSPA summer academy (June 6 – 12, 2010) and a \$100 cash prize.

## Applicant qualifications:

- Must be a high school junior
- Have a 3.0 GPA/4.0 scale
- Plan to study and pursue a career in journalism

## Preparing your portfolio:

- Entries should not exceed 20 one-sided or 10-two sided pages. Plastic sheet protectors are acceptable.
- All letters and transcripts should be opened and included as part of the 20 pages.
- Provide judges with a good cross section of your best work. Date, name of publication and relevance should be on each sample.
  - At least one issue of your publication should be enclosed to show the context of your work. DVDs should accompany an entry that focuses on broadcast work, and please indicate what portion should be judged.
  - Photocopies of the letters, clippings and art are acceptable; however, original prints of photographs should accompany entries based on published photographs.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

Phone ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

School \_\_\_\_\_

School Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

Phone ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Adviser \_\_\_\_\_ Phone ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_

How long have you been involved in journalism?  1 year  2 years  3 years  4 years or more

Positions Held (specify type of media such as yearbook, newspaper, literary magazine, radio, TV):

Publication Name/Type	Position	Length of Time
_____	_____	From _____ To _____
_____	_____	From _____ To _____
_____	_____	From _____ To _____

Do you plan to enroll this year in a university journalism degree program?  Yes  No

What is your career goal? \_\_\_\_\_

List colleges you are considering in order of preference. If you have definitely decided which school you will attend, list only that college.

1. \_\_\_\_\_ 2. \_\_\_\_\_ 3. \_\_\_\_\_

## Portfolio checklist:

- The official entry form
- Autobiographical essay on "Why I'm interested in journalism"
- Action photo of you doing something "journalistic"
- Official copy of your transcript
- Two letters of recommendation from your advisor or teachers who know your journalistic abilities.
- Sample of your work to show a diversity of reporting, writing, photography, design, etc.
- A self-addressed, padded, stamped envelope large enough to hold your portfolio, if you want it returned.

**Send your portfolio to:** GSPA, Upcoming Journalist Award, Grady College of Journalism & Mass Communication, 120 Hooper Street, The University of Georgia, Athens, GA 30602-3018. **YOUR ENTRY MUST BE POSTMARKED BY MARCH 19, 2010.**