

Spring 2026 JEA/NSPA National High School Journalism Convention

Join us this spring in Minneapolis!

[Visit the convention website >>](#)



JEA/NSPA National High School Journalism Convention

April 16-18, 2026

Minneapolis Convention Center

Session proposals due Jan. 30



[@nhsjc](#) [#nhsjc](#)
[@nhsjconvention](#)



Call for submissions

The [JEA/NSPA National High School Journalism Convention](#) is the nation's largest gathering of middle and high school journalists and their advisers. **Registration is now open** for the spring 2026 convention, which will take place April 16-18 in Minneapolis.

JEA members and other individuals interested in supporting the goals and programs of JEA, NSPA and scholastic journalism are invited to **submit speaker proposals for NHSJC breakout sessions**. This invitation is extended to teachers, advisers, media professionals and students in editorial leadership positions.

The session proposal application deadline is Jan. 30.

[Speakers, submit your sessions >>](#)

[Register for the convention >>](#)



"I would recommend [NHSJC] to anyone involved in journalism because there is truly something available for everyone."

— Betty Jane Plitt, student, McIntosh High School, Peachtree City, Georgia

Speaker FAQ

What presentation format are we looking for?

We are seeking proposals for 45-minute educational breakout sessions that relate to scholastic journalism and student media.

NHSJC breakout session attendance is first-come, first-served, so we are seeking flexible presentations that can accommodate any group size, with standard AV and room set needs.

While the exact presentation format is up to you, we value sessions that provide an engaging, high-energy experience. We are especially interested in sessions that are interactive, hands-on and tailored to our attendance base, which is about 80% middle and high school students.

What topic should I speak on?

Please read through our topic guide on the [speaker portal](#). While we welcome any submission related to student media, we are especially seeking sessions that cover any of the following topics:

- Advanced techniques and technical skills
- Broadcast and multimedia
- Diversity, equity and inclusion in student media for the [JEA DEI Certificate](#) strand and beyond
- Editor-in-chief training or student leadership skills
- Literary magazine
- Middle school media programs
- Newspaper or newsmagazine
- Non-yearbook design
- Online news, social media and marketing
- Practical and hands-on photojournalism skills
- Sports journalism and photography
- Writing and editing
- [and more ...](#)

How do I submit my proposal?

First, you'll create a [speaker account](#) and then you'll complete a short application by **Jan. 30** to submit your session. The [speaker portal](#) offers full instructions and details on what information will be needed.

If you aren't yet sure if you'll be able to attend, please don't let that stop you from submitting on time. If needed, you can edit your proposal or withdraw your application later, but we are unable to guarantee acceptance of late submissions.

[More questions? Visit the speaker FAQ page >>](#)

Upcoming NHSJC dates

Jan. 30

Deadline for
[session proposals](#)

&

[first-time convention grant applications](#)

Feb. 15

Deadline for
[JEA Outreach Academy applications](#)

Feb. 16

Registration opens and prompts available for [JEA National Student Media Contests](#)

Feb. 23

[Student scholarship application deadline](#)

"[NHSJC] provides teachers with a personalized selection of relevant and useful professional development. It always leaves me with more ambitious ideas for my program than when I arrived."

— Matthew Pavaas, adviser, Lincoln (Rhode Island) High School



Register now!

Whether you are speaking or not, advisers and students are invited to join us in Minneapolis this April. Our conventions offer helpful instruction, national contests, publication critiques, networking opportunities, local media tours, college connections and more!

Registration is **NOW** open. The early bird deadline is **5 p.m. CST Feb. 27**. JEA and NSPA members receive [discounted registration rates](#).

[Visit the spring convention site to get started >>](#)