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9. Advisers, please sign

Please read and sign the following: I have read this form and understand only student work is to be judged for awards by MIPA. All materials submitted represent student work or is designated as not being student work, unless otherwise indicated.

Adviser's signature

10. Critique fees

Please select **one** of the below options:

- Spring delivery** — Postmarked on or before July 16 \$45.00
- Late Spring delivery** — Postmarked on or before Aug. 15..... \$85.00
- Fall delivery** — Postmarked on or before Nov. 15..... \$45.00
- Late Fall delivery** — Postmarked on or before Dec. 17 \$85.00

11. Annotation fee

WOULD YOU LIKE YOUR BOOK ANNOTATED?

Annotation means that the judge will write comments directly in the yearbook as well as the evaluation booklet. Price includes mailing your yearbook back to you.

- Yes**, please annotate our book \$45.00
- No**, do not annotate our book

12. Payment

Add the amounts from the options selected above in items 10 and 11 and indicate the total due below. You may pay by check, credit card or purchase order (P.O.). Payment should be submitted by the deadline shown above. Please make checks payable to "Michigan Interscholastic Press Association."

TOTAL DUE _____

PAYMENT TYPE:

- Check
- Purchase order — include your P.O. number: _____
- Credit card — make your payment now at <https://mipmsu.org/submit/paycontests/>

13. Mail

We encourage you to get a tracking number when you ship your book to MIPA. Please mail your yearbook with payment and this form to:

MIPA—Spartan Critique
Michigan State University School of Journalism
404 Wilson Road, Room 305
East Lansing, MI 48824

14. Other Important stuff! Please read!

Spartan critiques are separate from other MIPA contests, and you must submit a book exclusively for use in the critique process. If you are entering MIPA's Individual Contest, you must submit a separate book for that (although you may mail those to us together.)

Keep a copy of this form for your files.

If you do NOT want your book annotated, but want your yearbook returned, please send a postage-paid (NO STAMPS ALLOWED), self-addressed mailer with your yearbook. If you do not want your yearbook back, the judge will have the option to keep it or discard it.

15. Final check

Yes No

- 1. Did you include an Advisers Statement to the judge?
- 2. Are you submitting a Seal of Distinction form with this entry?
- 3. Did you indicate student vs. non-student work in your book?
- 3. Did you include a check for the correct amount or pay online?
- 4. Are you meeting the official postmark deadline?
- 5. Are you meeting the late postmark deadline?

A note about contests:

MIPA strongly encourages administrators, students and teachers to participate in a range of competitions to evaluate how well a student media outlet meets course objectives and professional standards. Judging in any single contest or rating service is a subjective process, and each has slightly different rules, deadlines and entry criteria. Each critique you receive can be an important educational tool for the classroom, but no single contest can provide a complete assessment of the quality of a program. That's why MIPA strongly discourages the use of our contests and critiques, regardless of the outcome of that contest or critique, in teacher evaluations.

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY

postmark: _____ rec'd: _____

judge: _____

sent: _____ amt pd: _____

ck #: _____ credit card

SPARTAN CRITIQUE SEAL OF DISTINCTION

“Prior review by administrators undermines critical thinking, encourages students to dismiss the role of a free press in society and provides no greater likelihood of increased quality of student media.”

— Journalism Education Association



The Spartan Critique Seal of Distinction recognizes student media outlets that are free of prior review and censorship. This seal may be awarded to student media recognized at all levels of the Spartan Critique contest. A seal is placed on the award signifying this honor.

To receive the seal, a student media outlet must submit the below form, signed by the school's principal, with the Spartan Critique entry form. This form verifies that the student media outlet is not subject to prior review.

As principal of _____, I sign below to
School
certify that I do not engage in prior review or restraint of the following student media outlets and that student editors make final content decisions for these student media.

(Please note: Faculty advisers do not engage in prior review when teaching or coaching students as long as they are not directly changing student content.)

Student media not subject to prior review and prior restraint are eligible to compete for a Spartan Award with Distinction, the highest honor for student media bestowed by the Michigan Interscholastic Press Association.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Newspaper/News magazine | <input type="checkbox"/> Broadcast Program |
| <input type="checkbox"/> News Website | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Yearbook | |

Principal Name (please print): _____

Principal Signature: _____

Date: _____

QUESTIONS? Contact MIPA at 517-353-6761 or mipa@msu.edu

