

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 for the academic year in which the media is/was produced, with the Spartan Critique entry form. This form verifies that the student media outlet is not subject to prior review.

Academic Year _____

As principal of _____, I sign below to
School
certify that I do not engage in prior review or restraint of the following student media programs 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

