

CONTESTS Please refer to the complete rules at taje.org.

- Advisers must be current TAJE members for students to participate in uploaded contests.
- Preregistration is required for all contests. Name substitutions for on-site contests will be allowed at registration or by emailing contests@taje.org before the convention.
- No late entries will be accepted.
- Cost is \$10 per entry, except for Scavenger Hunt, which is \$30 per team.

SATURDAY ON-SITE CONTESTS Students may enter ONLY ONE of these.

WRITING & DESIGN

- Reminder: Contest entries will not be printed. Contestants must have a **personal** Google account (not school) to upload entries.
- Schools may enter only one student per contest except where indicated.
- Contest time: 3-5 p.m.:
[Yearbook Theme Package](#) (one team of two)
[Headline Writing](#)
[Yearbook Copy](#)
[Newspaper Design](#)
[News Writing*](#)
[Editorial Writing*](#)
[Feature Writing*](#)
[Sports Feature Writing*](#)
[Editorial Illustration*](#)
- Contest time: 2:30-5 p.m.:
[Review Writing*](#)
- Contest time: 2:30-8 p.m.:
[In-Depth Package](#) (a team of 3)
**Live Interview/Performance*

VIDEO

- Entries must be submitted an upload-ed link, on SD cards or flash drives in an MPEG4 or MOV file. No cameras or tapes.

Broadcast Package

- Teams of up to two students
- Multiple teams permitted.
- Contest time: 2:30-7:30 p.m.

Videography

- One student per school
- Contest time: 2:30-5:30 p.m.

Social Media Reporting

- Teams of up to two students.
- Multiple teams permitted.
- Contest time: 2:30-5:30 p.m.

Commercial

- Teams of up to two students.
- Multiple teams permitted.
- Contest time: 2:30-6 p.m.

PHOTO

- Students must bring their own cameras/accessories.

Digital Photo

- No more than eight students per school
- Students will need a computer for uploading entries
- No critiques provided
- Contest time: 2:30-6 p.m.

Team Scavenger Hunt

- Teams of three-five students using a single digital camera
- Not judged on photo quality
- Multiple teams permitted
- Contest time: 2:15-5:15 p.m.
- Cost: \$30 per team

Please bring a power strip if you plan to use a computer.

UPLOADED PRECONVENTION CONTESTS See rules for uploading instructions.

WRITING & DESIGN

- Advisers may enter only one student per contest except where indicated.
- Entrants may also compete in on-site contests.
- Must be uploaded by 6 p.m. Oct. 17

[Infographic](#)
[Marketing](#)
[Beginning Yearbook Design](#)
[Advanced Yearbook Design](#)

PODCAST

- Limit of two entries per adviser per category. Each student is limited to one entry per category.
- Entries must have been produced after Sept. 27, 2024.
- Entries must be submitted online no later than 6 p.m. Oct. 3.

CATEGORIES: [Non-Fiction Narrative](#), [Interview/Conversational](#), [Hybrid with Host and Interview\(s\)](#)

PHOTO

- Each student is limited to one entry per category, but a student may enter more than one category.
- Advisers may enter three students per category.
- Students do not need to attend the convention to enter uploaded contests, but a student from the school must be registered and attend.
- Photos must have been taken after Sept. 27, 2024.
- Entries must be submitted at contest.atpi.org after Aug. 31.
- Due no later than 6 p.m. Oct. 3.

CATEGORIES: [Sports Action](#), [Sports Reaction](#), [Feature](#), [News](#), [Planned Portrait](#), [First-Year Photo](#), [Photography Portfolio](#)

VIDEO

- Limit of two entries per adviser per category. Each student is limited to one entry per category.
- Videos must have been produced after Sept. 27, 2024.
- Entries must be submitted online no later than 6 p.m. Oct. 3.

CATEGORIES: [Commentary](#), [Commercial/PSA](#), [News Story](#), [Feature Story](#), [Sports Story](#)

NOTE: Podcasts, photos and videos may not have been entered in Best in Texas, and are not eligible for future BITS contests.

BEST OF SHOW At least one **student** from the school must register for and attend Fall Fiesta to enter.

Best of Show categories are **broadcast** (one show produced 10/12/24 - 10/17/25), **print news** (one issue published 10/12/24 - 10/17/25), current **online news**, 2025 **literary magazines** and 2025 **yearbooks**. Depending on the number of entries, categories may be divided by size of publication or school.

Yearbooks, lit mags and print news must be turned in to the registration desk by 3 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 18. Links to broadcasts and online news publications must be uploaded via the appropriate forms at taje.org by 11:59 p.m. Oct. 17.

Best of Show will be judged Saturday evening. If you will not be at the convention until Sunday and want to enter Best of Show, you must send your print publication to the TAJE address with arrival before Oct. 15. Contact contests@taje.org if you need a street address for delivery.

Cost: \$20 per entry

Register for contests at taje.org by Oct. 10. No late entries will be accepted.

QUESTIONS?

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Note:

Contestants are required to have a **personal** Google account (not a school account) to upload writing and design contest entries. They will not be printed. Please make sure students can log in to this account on their devices **before** the convention.

New for 2025: Uploaded Preconvention Contest

limits are per adviser not per school. Each adviser must register separately.

Best of Show entry is limited to Texas schools. Advisers must be current TAJE members.

Winners will be announced at the Monday morning awards.