



Why is it important that we have news media that is independent of the government?

ESSAY CONTEST

PLEASE ATTACH THIS FORM TO YOUR ENTRY

Student's Name: _____

Grade Level and Age: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip Code: _____

Home Phone Number: _____

E-mail: _____

Sponsoring Teacher: _____

School: _____

School Address: _____

City, State, Zip Code: _____

School Phone Number: _____

School Fax: _____

I certify this student is submitting original work.

(Teacher's signature and date)

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Who's Eligible?

All students enrolled in grades 9-12 in public, private and home schools. Students must submit original work and have a sponsoring teacher sign the contest entry form.

Format

The essay should be 300-500 words. Entries may be typed or handwritten but must be double-spaced.

Entering

Send essay entries to the SPJ Western Washington Pro Chapter:

SPJ High School Essay Contest
c/o: Clay Holtzman
P.O. Box 28805
Seattle, WA 98118-8805

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