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Applying for MJE

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MJE Eligibility

- Earn your CJE and keep it current
- Five years teaching experience
- Be an active member in your journalism education community
  - District, state, regional, or nation level
Application Requirements

- Letter of recommendation
  - From principal or another MJE
  - Letter should address your experience as a journalism educator
Application Requirements

- Resume
  - Shows your experience as a journalism educator
  - Shows your involvement in your local, state and/or national organizations
Application Requirements

- Document your activities
  - Give places and dates
  - Describe your role
  - Reflect on how it makes you a better journalism educator
Professional Growth Activities

- Being an MJE is about more than passing a test and doing a project.

- MJEs are active in the journalism educator community and constantly strive to make themselves better teachers.

- MJEs are involved in a variety of ways.
Professional Growth Activities

- There are two groups of activities

- You must submit three activities on your application.

- You must have at least one from each group
Activities – Group 1

- A. Holding elected or appointed offices in national, regional or state professional journalism education organizations. Each office counts once for the renewal period.

- B. Serving on committees of national, regional or state professional journalism education associations. Each committee counts once for the renewal period.

- C. Working on committees with responsibility for journalism curriculum, instruction, evaluation or in-service education at the district, state or national level. Each committee counts once for the renewal period.

- D. Publishing an article or articles in a scholastic journalism publication, e.g., Communication: Journalism Education Today. Applicants must provide a link to the published article.
Activities – Group 1

- For committees and offices, be sure to document what you do. Explain your role and how you contribute to the organization. Simply attending meetings doesn’t count.

- For articles, they must be published to count. This doesn’t mean on a personal blog and it does mean you’ve submitted it. You must provide a link to the published work.
Activities – Group 2

- E. Participating in conventions or workshops of national, regional or state professional journalism education associations. Applicants must provide a description of the role they played in the meeting, which could include presenting sessions or assisting in another capacity.

- F. Completing journalism courses or workshops at college or universities.

- G. Judging or critiquing journalism contests for national, regional or state professional journalism education associations. Counts once for the renewal period.

- H. Participating in other activities that have contributed significantly to your continuing professional growth.
Activities – Group 2

- Simply attending a convention doesn’t count. We’re looking for you to be involved. Document what you did.

- For college courses, give a name and description of the course or program with dates and location.

- These activities only count once.
Activities – Group 2

- Other activities
  - Intern/externships
  - Research projects
  - Adobe Certifications
  - Collaborative projects with other advisers
  - Hosting journalism events beyond your regular duties
Project Proposal

- What counts as a project?
  - Your project should be something that contributes to scholastic journalism
  - It should be sharable.
  - It should be connect to JEA Standards for Journalism Educators
Project Proposal

- Title
- Abstract
- How it will contribute to journalism education
- How it will make you a better journalism educator
- Estimated completion date
- Integrity statement
MJE Timeline

- Once you complete your application, you have one year to complete the project and pass the test.

- The project and the test can be completed in any order.
Getting answers

- Certification chair Amy Sorrell: certification@jea.org
- JEA web site – http://jea.org/wp/certification/