

Will Rogers Humanitarian Award

Presented to a columnist whose work has positively affected readers' lives and produced tangible benefits for the community served by the columnist's newspaper.

2010 NOMINATION FORM

*A copy of this form must be attached to each entry. Please type or print carefully.
Include a check for \$20, payable to NSNC, to cover administrative costs.*

Columnist _____ Email _____

Newspaper _____ City _____ State _____

Nominated by _____ Title _____

Address _____

Phone (day) _____ (evening) _____ Email _____

Attached materials support my nomination.

(Signature)

Submit entries to: NSNC, P.O. Box 1582, Madison, VA 22727. Entries must be postmarked by March 15, 2010.

RULES

- * Any salaried, staff, syndicated or regularly published newspaper columnist who is not a previous winner is eligible for the award.
- * Nominations may be based on a body of work but the nominee must have written columns that appeared in a daily or weekly newspaper in the U.S. or Canada during 2009 which related to his or her humanitarian activities.
- * Nominations may be submitted by a newspaper editor, managing editor, executive editor, publisher or community leader and must be signed. A community leader's nomination must include a letter of support from the columnist's newspaper. Columnists may not nominate themselves.
- * There is no limit on how many columnists from the same newspaper may be nominated, but each nomination requires a separate entry.
- * The winner will be notified by May 1, 2010. The award will be presented at the annual NSNC Conference in Bloomington, Ind., July 8-11. The winner is expected to attend.
- * **Entries will consist of the following:**
 - A description, in 250 words or less, of the work done by the columnist to merit the award.
 - A statement of supporting reasons for the nomination.
 - Representative examples of the columns on which the nomination is based. Be selective. These must be in the form of newspaper clips or quality photocopies. No computer printouts, please.
- * Entry pages shall be no larger than 8 ½" by 11". Please do not use fancy, hard back binders. Staple the pages inside a letter size manila file folder, with the nominee's name and newspaper on front, and the words, "Will Rogers Humanitarian Award Nomination."
- * Entries will not be returned. Nominating materials may be reprinted in the NSNC newsletter, on the NSNC Web site, or in a special NSNC publication.

This award recognizes outstanding civic journalism. It is not a writing contest. The award carries no monetary prize, but a \$500 stipend is given to help defray the cost of attendance at the annual NSNC conference.

The Will Rogers Humanitarian Award is presented annually by the National Society of Newspaper Columnists with support from the Will Rogers Memorial Commission and the Ethics and Excellence in Journalism Foundation. For additional facts about Will Rogers, check www.willrogers.com or write Will Rogers Memorial, PO Box 157, Claremore, OK 74018-0157.