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The Susan Pavelka
Scholarship for
Journalistic Excellence



General Information: The Susan Pavelka Scholarship for Journalistic Excellence underwritten by the Mr. Jeffrey King and Dr. Jenny Ru family awards \$500 annually to one college-bound senior who has participated and excelled in Palos Verdes High School journalism.

Judges recognize written entries that uplift and nourish the human spirit; affirm the dignity of human beings; recognize and uphold human values such as community, tolerance, justice, compassion, work ethic, collaboration, creativity or dedication to excellence and are unbiased in reporting. These entries should showcase a genuine love of writing and a

demonstrated effort to produce the best written work to be published, performed or broadcast by students at Palos Verdes High School.

Requirements: Submissions must include a completed application form, transcript, personal resume, letter of recommendation and copies of two written publications. Candidates are eligible to apply after fulfilling a minimum of two consecutive years as a leader/writer in one or more of these journalism programs: yearbook, literary magazine, newspaper, podcast or broadcast news. Applicants are judged based on leadership, writing and character along with two written entries publications/broadcasts. The SPS committee accepts entries for this scholarship in the categories of editorial news writing, feature writing or creative writing during the past two years.

Deadline: All entries must be received no later than March 30, 2019. The student must be enrolled full-time at Palos Verdes High School. Applications will be reviewed by the SPS committee. All submissions should be turned in to the Scholarship and Financial Aid Coordinator at the College and Career Center. For further questions email: pavelkas@pvpusd.net.

Background: Ms. Susan Pavelka has instructed honors English and advised Triton Yearbook and the Tradewinds Literary Publications for Palos Verdes High School since 2006. Under her guidance both publications have been awarded over 150 national awards from National Scholastic Press Association, American Scholastic Press Association, Columbia Scholastic Press Association, Jostens Inc. and Printing Industries of America. In 2016 the Triton Yearbook garnered the CSPA Crown Award which is considered the Pulitzer Prize for student journalism.

As an educator, Ms. Pavelka has provided opportunities for students to enrich their writing, design and photography through the school publication process and involvement in national competitions and conferences. As a speaker, Ms. Pavelka has represented Palos Verdes High School annually at Columbia University. She has collaborated every year with over 90 Triton Yearbook and Tradewinds Literary Magazine photographers, writers, artists and designers.

Ms. Pavelka's goal is to provide a voice for the voiceless and to create an annual book of memories which captures the history of the Palos Verdes High School community. Along with her work at Palos Verdes Unified School District, Ms. Pavelka has instructed speech and debate at Marymount California University where she taught the skills of speech, rhetoric and debate. It is her hope to help provide all of her students with the tools and experience necessary to write persuasively, to reason soundly and to stand up and speak with confidence and eloquence. Ms. Pavelka is grateful to the King/Ru family for providing this scholarship opportunity to young writers who dedicate themselves to achieving journalistic excellence.



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The Susan Pavelka Scholarship for Journalistic Excellence Committee
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The Susan Pavelka Scholarship for Journalistic Excellence Application

Name: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____ Telephone: _____

College or University attending:

Name of Institution: _____

Major Area of Study: _____

Please include:

1. Official transcript
2. Letter of recommendation specifically for this scholarship from a teacher or mentor.
3. Typed and double-spaced personal resume with school activities, extracurricular clubs, teams, leadership and volunteer organizations, work experience, awards and honors received and list of electives.
4. Typed and double-spaced three paragraph statement about yourself and the reason you should be selected for this scholarship. No more than 500 words.
5. Copies of two written publications typed and double-spaced. These articles must have been published or broadcast at Palos Verdes High School during the past two years.
6. Verification of two consecutive years of outstanding leadership/writing from a journalism adviser in one of the following programs at Palos Verdes High School: Triton Yearbook, Tradewinds Literary Magazine, Live from 205, Open Orchard Productions or The Point.

This signature verifies that the applicant listed above has completed two consecutive years of outstanding leadership and writing for the following Palos Verdes High School publication or broadcast: _____ (Please fill in the name of the publication or broadcast).

Journalism Adviser Signature: _____

Journalism Adviser Name (printed): _____

Counselor Signature: _____

Counselor Name (printed): _____

Please complete the application and submit it to the Scholarship and Financial Aid Coordinator at the College and Career Center by March 30, 2019. Winners will be presented with their award at the end-of-the-year awards ceremony.