

THE MICHAEL J. WHALEN JOURNALISM AWARD

The Michael J. Whalen Journalism Award shall be awarded each spring to a junior or senior at the University of Connecticut, not necessarily a journalism major, who has demonstrated excellence in journalism and who best exemplifies the journalistic traits shown in Whalen's work.

If more than five students apply for the award, the Journalism Department will select the top five candidates.

A panel consisting of one member of the Journalism Department, a Hartford Courant editorial employee, and two editorial employees from other newspapers in the state will interview the candidates and review their work.

TO BE ELIGIBLE AND APPLY, students should:

1. Submit a cover letter and between three to five pieces of work published within the last year to the journalism department office, room 468 by the deadline. The work should show excellence in writing style and ability, thoroughness of research and presentation of opposing viewpoints. The cover letter must include a phone and email address.
2. Students' work should explain complex matters in understandable terms, interpret issues so readers can gauge their effect, and demonstrate a feeling for the human aspect of the story.
3. Students should have shown a desire to pursue a career in journalism by taking journalism courses, obtaining full- or part-time work in the field during school or having worked at The Daily Campus.
4. The finalists will be notified of their interview times shortly after the deadline.