Judges will be looking for newspapers that have shown significant improvement over the last three academic years. More than one award may be given.

Newspapers must submit two sample editions from each of the last three years and a letter from the adviser (to be attached to this form) including a 500-word essay explaining the newspaper’s efforts to improve.

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT LEGIBLY

School or Teen Section Name: __________________________________________________________
Newspaper Name: ____________________________________________________________________
Is the media organization: curricular extracurricular teen section other ____________
Number of student staff: ______________
Number of professional staff/advisers: __________
Final editorial decisions are made by: students adviser administrator
Annual operating budget ___________
How is your publication funded? __________________________________________________________
List professional journalism-related credentials of adviser(s):
_____________________________________________________________________________________
_____________________________________________________________________________________

1. Below, give three main reasons why this newspaper deserves the Most Improved Newspaper Award.
Improvement 1: _________________________________________________________________________
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Improvement 2: _________________________________________________________________________
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Improvement 3: _________________________________________________________________________
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2. Attach a 500-word, typed essay to the form explaining why you as an adviser feel that this newspaper deserves the Most Improved Newspaper Award. You may use the above reasons as your main points, adding any other information that you feel is relevant and should be considered important by the judges.

Entries must be postmarked by March 28 to be considered for awards.