

JOINING THE MENTOR PROGRAM

If you want to become a mentor, START HERE

Do you meet the requirements?

- Outstanding, knowledgeable journalism adviser (HS or MS) who is retired or soon to be retired
- College adviser with HS or MS experience
- Good health/ability to travel to schools and conventions
- Available for training at the JEA Advisers' Institute in July
- JEA certified or can become one within the first year as a mentor

YES

Contact your state scholastic press association (SPA) to see if it is already part of the Mentor Program.

YES

Let the president or director know you are interested. The association will let you know if it can afford to support an additional mentor and will examine your qualification to determine if you will meet the needs in your state.

NO

Let the president or director know you are interested. Ask if your SPA is willing to join and ask them to contact the Mentor chair: mentoring@jea.org. Program information can be found at mentoring.jea.org under the Program Docs tab.

If you have no state scholastic press association, contact the Mentor chair directly: mentoring@jea.org. Funding is available for one mentor in your state.

If your state wants to join the Mentor Program, START HERE

- Learn about the Mentor Program at mentoring.jea.org. Download program documents under the Program Docs tab.
- Contact the Mentor Program chair at mentoring@jea.org to ask questions and get more information.

Your state scholastic press association needs to decide how to provide funding for mentor stipend(s) based on how many mentors it will start with.

Complete the Memorandum of Understanding and send to Kelly Furnas, JEA executive director, at furnas@jea.org.

State scholastic press association begins search for potential mentors who need to be available for training in July at the JEA Summer Advisers' Institute. Deadline is June 1. Notify Mentor chair as soon as possible.

The relationship between the JEA Mentor program and the state association is spelled out in the program documents and the yearly Memorandum of Understanding.

JEA owns and operates the Mentor Program.

- JEA funds and provides initial mentor training as well as yearly professional development for mentors at national conventions.
- JEA sets the program guidelines, stipend payments and program documents.
- JEA works with SPAs, using a yearly Memorandum of Understanding that outlines financial and operational structures.
- JEA owns the training materials through an agreement with the New Teacher Center.
- JEA provides SPAs the ability to apply for stipend support through its grant from the Yellow Chair Foundation.
- JEA provides free membership for mentors and mentees.
- JEA requires twice a year reporting from the mentors.
- JEA provides program information through its brochure, newsletter and website (mentoring.jea.org).

The state scholastic press association partners with JEA in the operation of the Mentor Program within its state.

- The SPA selects its mentors.
- The SPA provides stipends for its mentors through its budget, grants and/or other funding.
- The SPA provides benefits for the mentors and/or mentees, like free or reduced SPA membership.
- The SPA helps mentors find mentees.
- The SPA signs the yearly Memorandum of Understanding with JEA.