



# 2024-2025 KSPA Calendar

*The deadline for all contests, registrations and orders is 5 p.m. on the day listed*

*\*The KSPA board voted at its August meeting to pause the Monthly Contests for 2024-2025\**

## SEPTEMBER 2024

Sept. 13: Deadline to register for Fall Conference  
Sept. 23: WSU fall conference; 8:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.  
Sept. 30: Deadline: Middle School Publication Critique

## OCTOBER 2024

Oct. 2: KU fall conference; 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.  
Oct. 7: Deadline: [All-Kansas Yearbook](#)  
Oct. 7: FHSU fall conference; 8:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m.  
Oct. 15: Deadline: [Puntney Journalism Grant application](#)

## NOVEMBER 2024

Nov. 7-10: [JEA/NSPA National Convention in Philadelphia](#)

## DECEMBER 2024

Dec. 4: Regional Contest: Visual prompts posted  
Dec. 7: Board Meeting, Wichita State University 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

## JANUARY 2025

Jan. 16: Deadline: Regional Contest registration  
Jan. 24: Deadline: [Application deadline for Kansas Student Journalist of the Year](#)  
Jan. 27: Regional Contest: Writing prompts posted  
Jan. 30: Deadline: Regional Contest - Writing entries by 5 p.m.

## FEBRUARY 2025

Feb. 4: Deadline: Regional Contest - Visual entries by 5 p.m.

KSPA Winter Professional Development for KSPA advisers

Feb. 19: (9 a.m.-3 p.m.) - University of Kansas William Allen White School of Journalism  
Feb. 19: (9 a.m.-3 p.m.) - Ulysses High School or board office  
Feb. 20: (9 a.m.-3 p.m.) - Kansas State University  
Feb. 21: (9 a.m.-3 p.m.) - Wichita State University  
Feb. 24: (9 a.m.-3 p.m.) - De Soto Career & Technical Education Center  
Feb. 26: (9 a.m.-3 p.m.) - Fort Hays State University

## MARCH 2025

March 3: Deadline: [Mary Patrick Aspiring Young Journalist Award](#)  
March 3: Deadline: [Jackie Engel Award application](#)  
March 3: Deadline: [Candidate self-nominations for KSPA board](#)  
March 3: Deadline: [Ad Astra](#), [Friend of KSPA](#), [Sunflower](#), [Hall of Fame](#) and [Administrator of the Year](#) Award nominations  
March 3: Deadline: [Courage in Journalism Award application](#)  
March 7: Deadline: [All-Kansas News Publications, Websites & Video News](#)  
March 7: Middle school contest entries open  
March 11: Regional Contest results posted by this date  
March 11: State Contest: Visual prompts posted by this date

March 31: Deadline: [Portfolios of the Year](#)

## APRIL 2025

April 1: Board election voting begins  
April 3: Deadline: State Contest registration  
April 7: State Contest: Writing prompts posted  
April 10: Board election voting closes  
April 10: Deadline: Middle School Contest entries  
April 10: Deadline: State Contest - Writing entries  
April 10: Deadline: State Contest - Visual entries  
April 24-26: NSPA/JEA Convention in Seattle

## MAY 2025

May 2: Board meeting at University of Kansas 6 p.m. - 9 p.m.  
May 3: State Celebration at KU: 9 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

## JUNE 2025

June 3: Deadline: [Middle School Yearbook Critique](#)  
June 10: Deadline: [Earlybird All-Kansas 2024-5 Yearbook](#)