

Each year, leaders in the Illinois newspaper industry are invited to join the Fourth Estate Society of the Illinois Press Foundation, giving them the opportunity to promote and protect free expression, to enhance the quality of service provided by newspapers and to support reading and literacy in Illinois.

The personal rewards of being involved are immediate and long lasting. Members are also given an opportunity to recommend individuals worthy of membership into the Fourth Estate Society.

IN RECOGNITION OF YOUR INVOLVEMENT

You will receive:

- * A certificate of membership, along with public recognition in Illinois Press Association publications and at IPA and Foundation events.
- * Information from the Illinois Press Foundation including the foundation's annual report and special publications of the Foundation and the IPA.
- * Invitations to special events sponsored by the foundation and receptions and dinners at IPA conventions.

THE FOUNDATION SUPPORTS:

- **Protecting the First Amendment**
 - * The Foundation grants funds to the Illinois First Amendment Center to create and distribute curricula and materials to educate elementary, middle and high school students about the freedoms protected by the First Amendment.
- **Promoting Literacy**
 - * Spotlight on Achievement and Service monetary awards are given each year to adult student learners and volunteer tutors in Illinois.
 - * The foundation provides resources to Newspaper in Education programs across the state and encourages charitable giving to support NIE through Partners in Literacy.
- **Encouraging Print Journalism as a Career**
 - * The Foundation provides the major funding for an all-expenses-paid, two-week workshop at Eastern Illinois University for high school journalism students.
 - * Scholarships are provided to high school and college students to attend conventions and seminars.
- **Educating Working Journalists**
 - * Scholarships are awarded to working journalists to take advantage of professional development opportunities.
 - * Scholarships also are granted to working journalists who are pursuing graduate degrees.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Birth date: _____

Email: _____

Newspaper: _____

I am joining the Fourth Estate Society of the Illinois Press Foundation as a:

- Press Pass \$50
- Front Page \$100
- Double Truck \$250
- Tabloid \$500
- Broadsheet \$1,000
- Special Edition \$2,500 iLifetime Membership
- Other Amount \$_____

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- My check, made payable to the Illinois Press Foundation, for \$_____ is enclosed.
- Please charge my VISA or MasterCard \$_____

Account #: _____

Expiration Date: _____

Signature: _____

**Send the completed form to:
Illinois Press Foundation,
900 Community Drive**



Membership in the Fourth Estate Society

In order to further the charitable principles of the Illinois Press Foundation, its board created the Fourth Estate Society in 2007. Becoming a member in the Fourth Estate Society is an honor and an opportunity to associate with other newspaper leaders.

Choosing to be a member of the Fourth Estate Society demonstrates your commitment to free expression, literacy and delivery of accurate information to the people.

Remembering IPF in your will is another good way to support the work of the Foundation.

The Illinois Press Foundation was established in 1982 as a 501(c)3 organization. It is the charitable arm of the Illinois Press Association. Through tax-deductible contributions, members of the Fourth Estate Society support and expand the programs sponsored by the Illinois Press Foundation.



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