

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am delighted to write to you to announce the launch of the Independent Colleges' Young Journalist of the Year Awards 2010. This is the inaugural year of the Young Journalist competition and we are looking forward to establishing this as one of the foremost second level competitions in Ireland.

Established in 2007, Independent Colleges has already gained a reputation for producing outstanding journalism graduates from our MA and Diploma programmes. The College currently runs an MA, BA (Hons) and Diploma in Journalism and will be expanding this portfolio of courses in 2010.

The Young Journalist of the Year Awards 2010 are open to transition, fifth and sixth year students who have an interest in journalism and media. Applicants are required to submit an article of 500 to 800 words on any Sports or Entertainment topic of their choice. The aim of this competition is to give students who wish to pursue a career in journalism the opportunity to experience a competitive journalistic environment.

The competition is broken into two categories: sports writing and entertainment writing. Students are invited to enter the category that interests them the most. An overall winner from each category will be selected and the overall award in that category will be awarded to the article that judges deem to be most impressive in terms of journalistic ability.

Winner of the Young Sports Writer will accompany a journalist to a major sporting event in Ireland this year. Winner of the Young Entertainment Writer will accompany a journalist to a top entertainment event in Ireland this year.

I have enclosed a poster promoting this competition, entry form and the competition terms and conditions. I would be grateful if you can place the poster in a prominent position in your school. The closing date for applications is March 15<sup>th</sup> 2010.

If you require any further information please email the Faculty of Journalism at [journalismcomp@independentcolleges.ie](mailto:journalismcomp@independentcolleges.ie) and they will be delighted to help you.

Kind regards,

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