

TNS Styleguide & Journalistic Standards

Styleguide

We expect all contributors to conform to the latest version of [the Associated Press stylebook](#).

Our Standards

Anything we print must be accurate, precise, transparent and contain unimpeachable content. While we hope to be an outlet for your creative side, at *The News Station*, the basics of journalism remain the most important, i.e. errors are the enemy. We'd rather be beaten by our competitors than get a story wrong.

On top of that we want to connect with our audience. Always ask yourself, why does it matter? To help make your pieces more personal and really come to life, take more notes than you've ever taken in your life. Make your stories come to life through writing down colors, mood, sounds, smells, textures, temperatures and always be a fly on the wall looking for a potential scene to share with readers. Bring us there.

Record all your interviews. We reserve the right to check your quotes for accuracy at any time.

Always take photos and/or videos to accompany your pieces.

Kill Fee

Kill fee: If a piece is accepted and the final copy is then unacceptable writers will be offered a chance to rewrite it according to The News Station's standards or will be offered 25% of the initial agreement. We'd expect all of our contributors to go for the chance to rewrite it, because all freelancers have had finished work rejected for no reason. We hate that. So we'll let you know exactly what's needed to get it published in our digital pages. We're on your team.

Our Promise to our Contributors

We aim to pay you within 30 days. If a check hasn't arrived by then, we'll raise hell on your behalf.