

# NSPA EDITORIAL WRITING RUBRIC

Below are specific features for evaluating an editorial. Score each item from 1 to 9, with 1 being the lowest and 9 being the highest. Revise any feature that scores below a 5 until it receives a score of 5 or above.

FEATURES	REVISE				ACCEPT QUALITY			SUPERIOR	
1. Introduction interesting, clear and leads to the thesis.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
2. The first paragraph contains a thesis which is stated completely, clearly and correctly.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
3. Thoughts are presented in a logical manner.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
4. The editorial is generally organized and easy to follow.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
5. Paragraph is done correctly.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
6. Has supporting evidence with sources correctly cited.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
7. Sentence structure is correct and varied (i.e. no fragments or run-on sentences).	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
8. Appropriate vocabulary and word choices.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
9. Mechanics – spelling, punctuation, capitaliztaion – are correct.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10. Follows the specified format.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9