

2018

Minority Scholarship Program

for Journalism



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APPLICATION

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Alternate Phone: _____

Email: _____

☐ Alaskan Native ☐ Asian ☐ Black ☐ Hispanic ☐ Native American ☐ Pacific Islander

School: _____ School Phone: _____

School Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF THIS SCHOLARSHIP?

The purpose of the Minority Scholarship Program in Journalism is to provide financial assistance to highly motivated racial minority high school students who are pursuing a college degree in a field of journalism. The program also provides practical on-the-job experience for students during two paid summer internships at The Palm Beach Post.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE FOR THIS SCHOLARSHIP?

For the purpose of this program, minority is defined as Alaskan native, Asian, Black, Hispanic, Native American or Pacific Islander. Applicants must have a GPA of 2.5 or higher. The program is open to students who have shown promise for a career in print or digital journalism. The program is open to students attending public or private high schools. Priority will be given to students with financial need. For this reason, applicants must submit a copy of the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) Student Aid Report (SAR) along with the application.

HOW ARE RECIPIENTS SELECTED?

A Selection Committee, made up of Palm Beach Post staff members, will review the application packets and select a group of finalists. The finalists will be notified of an interview with the Selection Committee. The winner will be selected and notified by telephone and letter, along with all finalists.

HOW CAN STUDENTS APPLY?

Complete the application. Contact the Community Relations Department at The Palm Beach Post to request an application.

Include the following items in the Application Packet:

- 300-word essay answering the following question: “What distinguishes journalism from other stories on the internet?”
- Minimum of three samples of student’s journalism work (published articles, columns, stories, etc.)
- Copy of High School Transcript
- Copy of Free Application for Federal Student (FAFSA) Student Aid Report (SAR)
- Letter of Recommendation from High School Journalism Teacher
- One Color Headshot Photo
- Guidance Counselor Recommendation (see back of Application)
- Principal Certification (see back of Application)

Mail or deliver Five (5) copies of the Application Packet to:

MSPJ Scholarship
The Palm Beach Post
2751 South Dixie Highway
West Palm Beach, FL 33405

WHERE CAN I GET MORE INFORMATION?

Contact Keely Gideon-Taylor, ktaylor@pbpost.com or 561-820-3944 for additional information.

APPLICATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY MARCH 16, 2018



HIGH SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

List any awards, honors or recognitions you have received. List achievements related to journalism first.

_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

List any associations, clubs or organizations to which you belong and/or offices held.

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_____	_____
_____	_____

List any journalistic experience including advertising, broadcasting and newspaper in print or online.

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_____	_____
_____	_____

COLLEGE PLANS

List colleges and/or universities in which you have applied to and/or been accepted

_____	_____
_____	_____

Expected Major _____

List name and amount of any scholarships and/or financial aid that has been awarded for college.

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_____	_____

ESSAY AND SAMPLES OF WORK (to be included with the application packet)

1. Write a 300-word essay answering the following question:

What distinguishes journalism from other stories on the internet?

2. Submit at least three samples of work that best demonstrates your writing ability.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Guidance Counselor

GPA _____ ACT/SAT _____ High School Rank _____ Class Rank _____

Name _____

Telephone _____ Email _____

Signature _____ Date _____

2. Principal

I certify that all information regarding grades, rankings, awards, honors, associations, clubs, organizations, etc. related to school activities are correct.

Name _____

Telephone _____ Email _____

Signature _____ Date _____

APPLICANT CHECKLIST

I certify that all statements are true and the submitted essay and samples are my original work. I agree that my written work may be used for publication. I agree to appear for a personal interview with the selection committee. I agree to abide by the decision of the selection committee.

Applicant's Signature _____ Date _____

- ☐ 300-word essay
- ☐ Guidance counselor recommendation
- ☐ Principal certification
- ☐ Letter of recommendation from journalism teacher
- ☐ 3 Samples of written work
- ☐ Copy of FAFSA SAR
- ☐ High school transcript
- ☐ 1 color photo – head shots only