



Ohio Newspapers Foundation

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**Please Note Important Changes to our
Ohio Newspapers Foundation 2017 Minority Journalism Scholarship**

Dear High School Educator:

The Ohio Newspapers Foundation is pleased to provide application instructions for our **Minority Journalism Scholarship** for those graduating seniors specifically interested in journalism, advertising, marketing, or communications at an accredited college or university within the United States during the 2017-2018 academic year. Previously, a student was required to attend an Ohio college or university. One \$1,500 scholarship will be awarded.

Begun in 1990, the Minority Scholarship Program is endorsed by the American Society of News Editors.

Please make copies of the enclosed application form and distribute them to appropriate students. Additionally, we ask that you review and distribute the enclosed **Asked Questions and Helpful Tips** sheet along with the application to assist those graduating seniors with any questions they might have regarding our application process and eligibility guidelines. Also, students can visit our website at www.ohionews.org for all scholarship and internship information.

This year's scholarship winner will be announced on or around May 15. **The deadline for applications is March 31, 2017.**

We appreciate your participation and look forward to your student responses.

Monica Nieporte
President
Ohio Newspapers Foundation

Dennis Hetzel
President and Executive Director
Ohio Newspaper Association

OHIO NEWSPAPERS FOUNDATION
MINORITY SCHOLARSHIP APPLICANTS

Asked Questions

Q: *I am not currently a high school senior (I am a non-traditional student or I took a gap year). Am I eligible to apply for your scholarship?*

A: No. Only current high school seniors are eligible to apply for our scholarship.

Q: *I plan on majoring in nursing while attending college. Am I eligible to apply for your scholarship?*

A: No. Only students who plan to major in a newspaper related field, particularly journalism, advertising, marketing, or a communications degree program qualify.

Q: *Is this an income based scholarship?*

A: No. Applicants are evaluated on major of study, academics, leadership, and service.

Q: *Do you offer other scholarships to students planning to study in a foreign country?*

A: No. Ohio Newspapers Foundation scholarships are only offered to students enrolled at an accredited college or university within the United States.

Helpful Tips

- Do not wait until two days before our deadline date of March 31st to fill out the application.
- Be careful not to rush through the application and make sure you answer all questions.
- Make sure your handwriting is legible when completing the application form.
- Along with submitting your completed application, make sure you include all other requested material such as your transcript, autobiography, two letters of recommendation, etc.
- If you scan and email your materials, please ensure your scan is complete, legible and forwarded in PDF format to ariggs@ohionews.org.
- **Do not** three-hole punch and put your submitted documents into a special binder if sending by mail.
- Recommendation letters should cover more than just being a good student. High school faculty members should address and stay within the student's journalistic related interests and accomplishments while attending high school.
- Make sure you give yourself credit where credit is due, and don't be afraid to show your goals and ambitions.
- ***It's always a good idea*** to have a parent or school adviser look over your completed material before submitting.

The Ohio Newspapers Foundation will award a \$1,500 scholarship to a minority high school senior in Ohio who plans to major in a field relevant to the newspaper industry, particularly journalism, advertising, marketing, or a communications degree program. Student applicant must plan to enroll for fall classes at an accredited college or university within the United States.

We encourage you to read the information below and the Asked Questions and Helpful Tips sheet **before** you start the application process so you can be fully prepared. **Please note**, in order to qualify you must plan on majoring in a field relevant to the **newspaper industry**.

Eligibility and Information to gather

- Applicants should be African American, Hispanic, Asian American or American Indian.
- Applicant must be a graduating senior at an Ohio high school. Awardee must be enrolled as college freshman at an accredited college or university within the United States for the 2017-2018 school year.
- A minimum high school grade point average of 2.5 (C+) is required. The student's high school transcripts must accompany the application.
- Application form must be completed legibly by the applicant. (The application form on the reverse side may be photocopied).
- Students must demonstrate the ability to write clearly in an autobiography of 750 to 1,000 words describing academic and career interests, awards, extracurricular activities and any journalism-related activities.
- Applications must be accompanied by two letters of recommendation from high school faculty members familiar with the student's work and media related career interests.
- Students may provide additional information such as samples or articles that have been published (limit to two, please).

Submission of Application

Submit the application and all other material required to: Ohio Newspapers Foundation Minority Scholarship, 1335 Dublin Road, Suite 216-B, Columbus, Ohio 43215. Scanned completed application materials may be emailed to ariggs@ohionews.org in PDF format.

APPLICATIONS MUST BE POSTMARKED BY MARCH 31, 2017

Notification and Payment

The scholarship winner will be announced on or around May 15, 2017. The scholarship check will be mailed during the summer of 2017 following verification of college enrollment.

For Additional Information:

Contact Ohio Newspapers Foundation, 1335 Dublin Road, Suite 216-B, Columbus, Ohio 43215. Telephone number 614-486-6677, extension 1010.

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2017 Minority Journalism Scholarship Application

Name: _____ Sex: M F

Address: _____ E-mail: _____

City/State/Zip: _____ Telephone: _____

High School _____

School Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____ School Telephone: _____

Principal's Name _____

Grade Point Average: _____ (Minimum 2.5/4.0 required) SAT Score: _____ SS#: _____

Have you participated in any high school journalism activities? Yes No

If yes, please describe: _____

College or university selected: _____ City, State: _____

Second Choice: _____ City, State: _____

Anticipated date of enrollment: _____ Anticipated major: _____

Minority group: African American Hispanic Asian American American Indian

Verification of Application

By signing below, the student confirms that the information provided is accurate and the essay was written by that same student. The student also asserts to his/her intent to study journalism or a field relevant to the newspaper industry as noted on the previous page. The school official confirms the minority status of the applicant.

Student Signature: _____

School Official: _____ Signed: _____

Title: _____ Phone: _____

NOTE THESE ITEMS MUST BE RECEIVED WITH APPLICATION FORM:

- Official High School Transcript
- 750-1,000 Word Autobiography
- Two Letters of Recommendation

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