



MPA Foundation Community Journalism Scholarship Application

Application and support material must be submitted electronically on or before Monday, Nov. 13, 2017 at 5 P.M.

To qualify, the student must:

- Be a Michigan resident or eligible for in-state tuition.
- Be a current, full-time junior or senior, graduating no earlier than May, 2018.
- Have substantial experience as a collegiate or community news media staffer as shown by a portfolio submitted with the nomination materials.
- Be currently enrolled in at least one journalism course or provide a transcript (official OR unofficial) showing previous enrollment in journalism courses.
- Demonstrate an interest in and potential for pursuing a career in community journalism through work as a reporter, editor, digital and/or photojournalist at a Michigan media outlet, including campus publications.
- If the Foundation is to consider financial need (not an overriding scholarship criterion), the application should include a financial aid award document.

The application must include:

- The completed application page
- A current resume
- A transcript (official or unofficial; former preferred)
- At least eight clips and/or samples of the applicant's journalistic work
- A 500 word essay that:
 1. Explains how the applicant views his/her future in community journalism
 2. Details previous and current experience in community journalism/campus media
 3. Explains why the applicant is deserving of the scholarship as evidenced by his/her work in journalism
- Three letters of recommendation, one of which must be from a journalism faculty member and/or publication adviser. All letters must include the sender's contact information. Do not submit letters from current students or family members (Suggested: teachers, advisors, newspapers/internships).
- A current, professional looking head and shoulders color photo to be used in the announcement brochure and other promotional materials (300dpi resolution).

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Name: _____

Class Standing: Junior Expected Graduation Date: _____
 Senior

Journalism GPA (if applicable): _____ Overall GPA: _____

College/University: _____

Home Address: _____

Campus Address: _____

Phone Number: _____ Email: _____

Name: Advisor/Journalism Instructor/Department Chair

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Application checklist. Submit all materials together:

- Completed application
- Resume
- Transcript
- 8 clips or samples of journalistic work
- 500 word essay
- 3 letters of recommendation
- Professional looking headshot