

Past MPA Foundation Scholarship Winners include...

John Bebow (Western Michigan University, 1989)

CEO/Publisher Bridge Magazine and The Center for Michigan



Katrese Stafford (Eastern Michigan University, 2011)

Associated Press



Nora Naughton (Eastern Michigan University, 2015)

Automotive Reporter at the Wall Street Journal



Ambrosia Neldon (Western Michigan University, 2013)

Publisher/General Manager for Leader Publications



MPA Foundation 2020 Annual Journalism Scholarship Application

Application and support material must be submitted electronically on or before  
**Monday, Nov. 16, 2020 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, 2021.
- 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.)
- 4 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 their 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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MPA Foundation Community Journalism Scholarship Application

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

☐ 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  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Application checklist. Submit all materials together:

- ☐ Completed application
- ☐ Resume
- ☐ Transcript
- ☐ 4 samples of journalistic work
- ☐ 500 word essay
- ☐ 3 letters of recommendation
- ☐ Professional headshot



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