

MORE INFO:

All materials must be submitted by **November 30, 2021 deadline** for consideration. This unpaid fellowship opportunity with the NNA is a one-of-a-kind Washington, D.C. experience that helps students learn more about the American political process. As an MPAF sponsored Fellow, you will have the chance to meet senators, representatives and legislative staff from across the country and become familiar with the basics of the legislative process in action. We are looking for reliable students who are organized, self-motivated, have an interest in politics, and are willing to work hard to get the job done.

Applicants Not Selected:

MPAF sponsors one student for the Fellowship. However, all applicants will be extended an invitation to spend a day in Lansing as a Lobbyist for a Day with the MPA Public Affairs Team.



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News Fellows Program



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ABOUT:

The Michigan Press Association Foundation seeks Candidates for the 2022 Washington DC News Fellowship.

Fellows and mentors participate in the National Newspaper Association Foundation's News Fellows Program in March during NNA's Community Newspaper Leadership Summit in Washington, DC. The purpose of the program is to develop news skills in young journalists by looking at issues from a community newspaper perspective.

Fellows tackle the ongoing problem of "Water issues in MI" these include PFAS, lead and other environmental problems impacting Michigan's greatest resource. They study with veteran community newspaper journalists to distinguish facts from spin, research an issue, interview key players, and produce a news or interpretive story for publication in hometown media.

REQUIREMENTS:

MPAF as your Sponsor will:

- Pay for two hotel nights in an MPA selected hotel.
- Pay for airfare.
- Pay tuition which includes meals and local transportation required for program activities.

Fellows must:

- Be committed to producing a story on the selected topic.
- Be a college newspaper editor or reporter with coursework in basic reporting.
- Be able to travel to Washington, DC in mid-March 2022.
- Bring a device capable of WIFI connection for research.
- Be interested in hot-button national issues, be open minded and able to research many sides of the issue.
- Be willing to give NNAF, MPA and Michigan Community Newspapers simultaneous but not exclusive publication rights to the work for publication in National Newspaper Association media.

Qualifications and Responsibilities - We're looking for the following:

- Understanding of political news and current events
- Journalism background and interest in social media are a plus.
- Junior or Senior student pursuing a career in Journalism.
- Interest in political policy issues.
- Strong writing and research skills.
- Ability to represent Michigan Press Association Foundation professionally at events on Capitol Hill.
- Open to feedback, with strong desire to develop professional skills.
- Effective interpersonal communication skills.

HOW TO APPLY:

To apply please include your name and "Fellowship" in the subject line of the e-mail.

Please submit the following to Lisa McGraw at lisa@michiganpress.org:

- A current resume and cover letter including your contact information and your interest and/or experience in a career in journalism.
- Writing sample in a journalistic style, 1 page maximum on the topic "Why Journalism is important to democracy".
- One letter from faculty, college newspaper advisor or staff of your hometown newspaper.
- Transcript