



MPA Foundation 2024 Community College Annual Journalism Scholarship Application

**Application and support material must be submitted electronically on or before
Tuesday, Nov. 12, 2024 at 5 P.M**

To qualify, the student must:

- Be a Michigan resident or eligible for in-state tuition.
- Be a current, community college student in Michigan, graduating no earlier than May, 2025.
- 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.

The application must include:

- The completed application page.
- A current resume.
- A transcript (official or unofficial; former preferred.)
- 2 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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Name: _____

Freshman (1st Year) Expected Graduation Date: _____
 Sophomore (2nd Year)

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

Community College: _____

Home Address: _____

Campus Address: _____

Phone Number: _____ Email: _____

Name: Advisor/Journalism Instructor/Department Chair

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Application checklist. Submit all materials together:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Completed application | <input type="checkbox"/> 500 word essay |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Resume | <input type="checkbox"/> 3 letters of recommendation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Transcript | <input type="checkbox"/> Professional headshot |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 2 samples of journalistic work | |
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