

2009 – 2010
Scholarship Application

**Due: Friday, December 11, 2009,
in E305 Adler Journalism Building (AJB)**

The University of Iowa
School of Journalism and Mass Communication

Applying for Scholarships and Awards

All undergraduate and graduate students, who are majors in the School of Journalism and Mass Communication, are eligible and encouraged to apply. Information about specific scholarships is available online at www.uiowa.edu/jmc/resources/scholarships.html.

All questions must be answered. Please sign the release in Part 2. This gives us permission to release your name and address to the media if you win an award.

All applicants are required to submit a personal statement, resume and supporting portfolio materials with their application to the School of JMC, E305 Adler Journalism Building, by Friday, December 11, 2009.

Selection and Notification of Recipients

Selection is based primarily on academic achievement, media experience and extracurricular journalism or other mass communication activity. Consideration is given to financial need where criteria for specific awards permit.

Decisions on awards will be made by the School's Scholarship Committee and approved by the School of JMC School faculty in the spring. Students selected to receive a scholarship will be notified by mail and invited to attend the Fourth Estate Awards Ceremony in April 2010, where they will learn the specific scholarship they have been awarded.

After the Fourth Estate Ceremony

Scholarship recipients will write a letter of thanks to a designated family member or representative of the donor within two weeks of the awards ceremony. The name and address will be provided in your award envelope. Please send a copy of the letter to the School of JMC office.

Personal Statement, Resume and Portfolio

All students must include the following information with the application:

- A. A **one-page resume** covering your academic, career-related and extracurricular activities.
- B. A **personal statement**, maximum of 500 words (approximately two double-spaced, typed pages), explaining your professional career interests, accomplishments and future plans. Please include work for student organizations, jobs, internships and special contributions through extracurricular activities. *Your statement should complement and expand on the information in your resume.* Also provide any additional information that you believe the committee should consider in evaluating your application. This might include personal circumstances that have affected academic performance or clarification of financial need.
- C. **Supporting materials from your portfolio** consisting of no more than four samples of your best work. You may include clips, tapes, CDs, art, images, and printouts of Web pages and/or appropriate course materials that demonstrate your level of accomplishment. *All work should fit easily into a 9 x 12 envelope or folder.* Do not bind unrelated materials together. Portfolio materials may be picked up in E305 Adler Journalism Building between May 3-14, 2010.

Part 1 – Personal Information

Student ID Number _____

Date _____

First Name _____

MI _____

Last Name _____

Residing Street _____

Residing City _____

Residing State _____

Residing ZIP _____

UI Email Address _____

Male Female

Are you a United States Citizen? Yes No

Racial/ethnic information (optional, but important criterion for some scholarships)

African-American or Black, not of Hispanic origin

Latino or Hispanic

American Indian or Alaska native

White, not of Hispanic origin

Asian or Pacific Islander

Other _____

Part 2 – Consent to Release Information to News Media

First Name _____

MI _____

Last Name _____

Residing Street _____

Residing City _____

Residing State _____

Residing ZIP _____

Permanent (Parent's) Street _____

Permanent City _____

Permanent State _____

Permanent ZIP _____

Parent's Names _____

Home County _____

I agree to have the above information provided to my hometown newspaper. Please legibly print hometown newspaper name and address:

Signature: _____

Part 3 – Academic Record

Please indicate whether you are:

Undergraduate major MAP student MAT student Ph.D. student

If you are an undergraduate major, do you have an additional major? yes no

If yes, please indicate additional major(s): _____

Total semester hours at current level (undergraduate, MAP, etc) that you will have completed **by the end of the Fall 2009 semester:** _____

Journalism and Mass Communication semester hours at current level that you will have completed **by the end of the Fall 2009 semester:** _____

Anticipated total hours (all courses) in Spring 2010 semester: _____

Anticipated graduation date: _____

Overall GPA: _____ University of Iowa GPA: _____ Journalism and Mass Communication GPA: _____
(If different from overall GPA)

Please provide the name of **one member of the UI Journalism and Mass Communication faculty** who is familiar with your studies and/or work: _____

Part 4 – Career Interests

If you are planning a career in journalism and mass communication, please rank three preferred areas. Indicate **1st**, **2nd** and **3rd** choices.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Broadcast Journalism | <input type="checkbox"/> Investigative Journalism |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Desktop Publishing | <input type="checkbox"/> Magazine Journalism |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Editing | <input type="checkbox"/> Newspaper Journalism |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Editorial, Opinion or Interpretive Writing | <input type="checkbox"/> Online Journalism |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Feature Writing | <input type="checkbox"/> Photojournalism |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Graphic Design | <input type="checkbox"/> Public Relations |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Health or Science Journalism | <input type="checkbox"/> Sports Reporting |
| <input type="checkbox"/> High School Journalism Teaching | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify): |
| <input type="checkbox"/> International Reporting | _____ |

Part 5 - Other

Please list and describe any **media internship and/or jobs** you have held:

Please list all **financial aid** received to date (loans, scholarships, and awards):

Please list any **special circumstances or needs** you have:

Where would you most like to locate after completing your education?

- Iowa Midwest Other: _____ No preference

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