Tom Dargan was a man of remarkable talent and intellect who applied his interests in theater and journalism to the field of broadcasting.

After his military service during World War II, he enrolled at the University of Washington in the school of Fine Arts where he earned his M.A.

Mr. Dargan's distinguished 38-year career as a broadcaster was marked by his emphasis on public service and humanitarian concerns.

His sensitivity to a broad spectrum of public issues resulted in a significant body of documentary work that earned national recognition.

While Executive Vice President at Fisher Broadcasting's KATU, he remained a creative activist, earning distinction by receiving the Peabody Award, the highest honor in broadcast journalism; the Iris Award from the National Association of Television Program Executives; and countless Emmy Award nominations.

Until his untimely death in 1988, his professional imperative was contained in his tireless example to serve the public need and to strive for the public good.

It is in this spirit and in his memory that this scholarship program has been established.
In the tradition of Thomas R. Dargan, dedicated and lifelong broadcaster, this scholarship is intended to encourage and assist minority students to complete their education in broadcasting or communications.

Eligibility

Applicant must be a minority citizen of the United States and provide proof of U.S. citizenship. Minority is defined as Asian; Black/African American; Hispanic or Latino; American Indian or Alaska Native, Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander; or that of two or more races.

Applicant must be at least a sophomore enrolled in broadcast, communications, or multi-media curriculum at a four-year college or university or an accredited community college in Oregon or Washington OR as a permanent resident of Oregon or Washington attending an out-of-state institution.

Community college students must be enrolled in a broadcast curriculum which is transferable to a four-year accredited university.

Applicant must have a minimum 3.00 GPA.

Requirements

Statement of need

Must include an estimate of the cost of one year at your institution (please include room, board, tuition, and books.) Also list other resources of financial assistance, such as grants, scholarships, funding from parents, etc.

Academic Achievement

Submit an official transcript and three letters of recommendation; two from academic sources, one personal.

Applicant essay

Include personal and professional goals and what you perceive will be your contribution as a minority in the field of broadcasting.

Procedure

Qualified persons should apply by returning this application form along with the essay, transcripts and letters of recommendation to:

KATU Thomas R. Dargan Minority Scholarship
C/o Human Resources
2153 NE Sandy Blvd
Portland, OR 97232

We will begin accepting applications in January. Application deadline is April 30.

Selection

Finalists must be available in the month of May for a personal interview conducted by members of the scholarship committee. Interviews will be held at KATU studios in Portland, Oregon.

Notification

The selected applicant will be notified by July 1. An alternate will be designated in the event the selected applicant is unable to fulfill the terms of the scholarship.

Terms

Scholarship award: $6,000.

Scholarship recipients may reapply for a renewal at the end of the first year of receiving the scholarship, but must have maintained at least a 3.00 GPA.

Winners are eligible for a paid internship in selected departments at Fisher Broadcasting/KATU.

Scholarship recipients are also required to correspond with the committee and include a copy of grades and other pertinent material at the end of each quarter or semester.

Disbursement

The funds will be deposited in the financial aid office of the institution attended by the student.

KATU Thomas R. Dargan Minority Scholarship Application

Name______________________________________
Address____________________________________
City_______________________________________
State/ZIP___________________________________
Phone (home)_______________________________
Phone (mobile)______________________________
Email______________________________________
Ethnic Origin________________________________
Parent/Guardian_____________________________
Parent/Guardian Address______________________
High School Attended_________________________
Year Graduated GPA_________________________
College Attended_____________________________
No. of Credits Earned_________________________
Major(s)____________________________________
Declared? (Yes or No)_________________________
College Cumulative GPA_______________________

My area of interest is: (Circle One)

A) Radio  B) Television  C) Broadcast Technology  D) Internet  E) Other