Northwest Journalists of Color 2008 Scholarship

Find a mentor
Get connected
Launch your career

Northwest Journalists of Color has supported local students of color for more than two decades. It is our mission to support college and high school students who want a career in media.

WHAT WE GET:
Since 1990, America's minority population has risen 7.7 percent, while the minority workforce in TV news, radio and newspapers is struggling to keep up, according to a RTNDA/Ball State University survey.

Each year, NJC Scholars help to keep press coverage relevant to an audience that is often more diverse than newsrooms. This diverse audience demands news coverage that demonstrates an understanding of their communities.

WHY APPLY TO BE AN NJC SCHOLAR?
Former NJC Scholars have gone on to work in print, radio, television and media. Your entry will be judged by top management in local media. If selected you will be connected to a network of working professionals who support the NJC mission and you will receive up to $2,500 in cash to help you make your way through college. Most importantly, NJC Scholars are also connected with a mentor who is selected based on your interests and career goals.

FACT:
Newsroom diversity is below its peak levels at most daily newspapers in the United States, including virtually all dailies in Washington state, according to a study for the Knight Foundation of newspaper employment from 1990 to 2005.

PLEASE SEND COMPLETED APPLICATION TO:
Northwest Journalists of Color Scholarship
c/o Karen Johnson
The Seattle Times
1120 John St.
Seattle, WA 98111

For more information about Northwest Journalists of Color please visit www.aajaseattle.org or look for the NJC page on Facebook.com. For questions about how to apply for the scholarship, please email Karen Johnson at karenjohnson@seattletimes.com.
HOW TO APPLY:
If you are a Washington resident attending an accredited college or university this fall OR if you are a student attending a Washington state college or university OR if you are a senior at a Washington high school, you are eligible to apply.

APPLICATION MATERIALS
- Two letters of recommendation from references who know you and your academic or journalistic work. Letters must be signed and sealed by the writer.
- An official copy of your current transcript.
- A current resume with education, media experience and extra curricular activities.
- A written essay of 500 words stating why you want to be an NJC Scholar and why you want a career in journalism. Describe some of the challenges you foresee in this industry (personal or otherwise) and how you can contribute to the profession. Also, describe what influence, if any, your ethnic heritage might have on your perspective as a working journalist.
- Statement of Financial need. Create a list of your projected college expenses for 2008-2009. Include tuition, books, room and board. List sources of educational funds, including contributions from your family, scholarships and income from your jobs, loans and gifts. Please note any special circumstances.
- Submit three samples of your best work and enclose five copies of each. If you are submitting visual or audio samples, please send your copies on CD or direct us to your online portfolio.

APPLICATIONS MUST BE POSTMARKED BY MAY 1, 2008
Applicants are eligible for up to $2,500 in scholarship money.

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SCHOLARSHIP RECEPTION:
NJC will host an awards ceremony and reception for scholarship winners in early June. This event is held each year in Seattle and is an excellent opportunity for NJC Scholars to connect with media professionals. We will notify scholarship winners of the exact date and time of the event by mid-May. If selected, please plan to join us. Family and friends are encouraged to attend.

QUESTIONS?
For more information, email Karen Johnson, NJC Scholarship Recruitment Chair, at:
karenjohnson@seattletimes.com.

To find the electronic version of this application go to www.aaiaseattle.org.

Northwest Journalists of Color
The Northwest Journalists of Color is a non-profit umbrella group comprised of working journalists in print, broadcast, radio and online and includes the Seattle chapters of the Asian American Journalists Association, the Latino Media Association, the National Association of Black Journalists and the Native American Journalists Association.
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APPLICATION DEADLINE: MAY 1, 2008
Please print or type legibly. Applications must be postmarked by May 1, 2008. Keep a copy of this application for your own files. Refer to the back of this application for additional requirements. For additional copies of this application go to www.aajaseattle.org.

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Name ___________________________ Gender ___________________________
Ethnicity ___________________________ Date of Birth ___________________________
Home or Permanent Address ___________________________

City __________________ State ______ Zip ______

Current School ___________________________ Major(s) ___________________________
G.P.A. ___________________________ Expected Graduation Date ___________________________
Campus Address ___________________________

City __________________ State ______ Zip ______
Telephone ___________ Cell Phone ___________ E-mail ___________________________

Scholarship winners will be notified mid-May 2008. Where should we contact you? Campus ______ Home Address ______

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND

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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

What professional organizations do you belong to? ___________________________
What school will you attend in 2008-2009? ___________________________
Community or civic projects; other information ___________________________
How did you learn of this scholarship? (Poster, professor, previous scholar?) ___________________________

I certify that all materials I’ve submitted are my own and that all statements in this application are truthful. I also affirm that I intend to pursue a career in journalism and that the awarding of any funds is contingent on my enrollment in the accredited institution on my application. If I am selected for a scholarship, I will use the funds for my education.

Signature ___________________________ Date ___________