

TEXAS GRIDIRON SCHOLARSHIP

application postmark deadline extended to Feb. 22, 2010

PURPOSE: *To encourage the development of Texas journalists and thereby improve the quality of writing, reporting and news presentation in the state*

ELIGIBILITY: An applicant must ...

- be attending a college, university or junior college with the intent to obtain a degree and work in journalism.
- be a Texas resident or going to school in Texas.
- take at least six academic hours each semester covered by the award, plus the application semester.
- have at least a 2.25 grade average at the time of application and for the duration of the award.

MATERIALS: An applicant must submit ...

- a grade transcript, either official or unofficial.
- at least three samples of published work (writing, photography, news art, page design, video tape or audio tape); for copy editors, before and after copies of edited stories.
- an essay (500 words or less) on the reasons for choosing journalism as a career.
- two recommendation letters, preferably from faculty members or a publications adviser.
- any other information the applicant wishes the judges to know.
- this form completed; an unsigned application will not be considered.

JUDGES WILL EVALUATE: Proof of ability, financial need, and perceived potential and dedication to a journalism career.

WHAT'S AT STAKE? Awards of at least \$500.

PERSONAL INFORMATION

applicant's name Mr. Mrs. Ms.

Social Security number

address

phone

e-mail

interests, career goals

parent name

parent address

phone

ACADEMIC INFORMATION

school attending, spring 2010	major
school attending, fall 2010, if different	anticipated graduation date
hours completed at the end of fall 2009	GPA overall, major
journalism awards received, internships worked, relevant extracurricular activities	

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

percent of living expenses paid by ...	self,	%	spouse,	%	parent or other source,	%
current job(s): hours per week, pay						
scholarships, fellowships and grants received or applied for: date, amount						
loans received or applied for: date, amount						

please sign

I understand that if circumstances change and I no longer meet the eligibility requirements, or if any of the information I have provided proves untrue, any scholarship I receive may be forfeited.

I understand that a Texas Gridiron Scholarship is given for one year and that an application is required to renew. Half of the money goes to the financial aid office at the recipient's school in July and the other half in November. Also, recipients are required to send an academic and productivity progress report, including recent work samples, by Oct. 15; failure to file the report may jeopardize the unpaid half of the scholarship.

I understand that Fort Worth SPJ cherishes the time at the awards banquet with the scholarship winners. If I receive a scholarship, I will make every effort to attend.

(name, date)

keep a copy of this application (so you'll remember what you agreed to!)

mail application packet to:
Linda Campbell
Scholarships Coordinator / Fort Worth SPJ
3558 Norfolk Road
Fort Worth, TX 76109

Winners will be notified by e-mail.
 Applicants are urged to notify the scholarships coordinator — lcampbell@star-telegram.com —
 when the packet is sent, so if it doesn't arrive, we can track it down.