

Montana Broadcasters Association

“Future of Broadcasting Scholarship”

Scholarship Award Amount: UP TO \$6,000

THE FUTURE OF QUALITY LOCAL MEDIA AND JOURNALISM WILL DEPEND ON A GENERATION OF YOUNG PROFESSIONALS WITH A DIVERSE SKILL SET, AN APPRECIATION FOR STORYTELLING, AN UNDERSTANDING OF TECHNOLOGY, AND AN INTEREST IN SERVING THEIR COMMUNITIES. THE MONTANA BROADCASTERS ASSOCIATION “FUTURE OF BROADCASTING” SCHOLARSHIP IS AWARDED TO A STUDENT OR STUDENTS WHO HAVE THESE SKILLS, THIS KNOWLEDGE, AND A DEMONSTRATED APTITUDE AND INTEREST IN A CAREER IN THE BROADCASTING FIELD.

Scholarship applications must precisely address the specific criteria of the scholarship for which you are applying.

All scholarship applications require clear and persuasive prose, correct grammar and spelling, and attention to detail in order to avoid typographical errors.

Eligibility Criteria:

- Applicants must be currently enrolled at MSU in the School of Film and Photography, at a sophomore level or beyond, with at least a 3.0 GPA. Graduate Students in the Natural History and Wildlife Filmmaking program are also eligible.
- Applicants must have worked, or be working at the time of application, at a broadcast radio or television station, for at least 2 semesters part-time, or one full semester (16 weeks), full-time. This experience can include unpaid internships and/or paid employment, but must include substantial experience in some type of actual production.

To Apply:

- A. Applicants should submit an essay of between 500 and 750 words that specifically addresses the following:
 1. the applicant’s educational background;
 2. the applicant’s interest in the broadcasting field;
 3. the applicant’s experience working at a broadcasting radio or television station.
- B. Applicants must submit two letters of support from:
 1. their direct supervisor at the broadcast station at which the applicant has worked;
 2. an MSU SFP faculty member who has taught the applicant.
- C. Applicants must submit a complete copy of their current transcript(s).

(NOTE: Please be sure to redact any sensitive personal identifying information, such as SSN and birthdate)

Deadlines:

Please Note: THIS YEAR ONLY, there will be two separate scholarship awards, one for each of the two academic years, 2020 – 2021 and 2021 – 2022. Students are welcome to apply, separately, for either one or both of the awards. Please note that the application process is different for each award.

➤ ***For the 2020 – 2021 school year (the current academic cycle)***

All application materials, including the essay, the two letters of support, and the transcripts must be submitted, in printed form (electronic submissions are not accepted), to Katie Gahagan (the “new Vicki”) at the VCB Front Desk no later than:

12:00noon on Friday, February 12, 2021

***THE SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT FOR THIS YEAR
WILL BE ANNOUNCED ON OR BEFORE MARCH 12, 2021***

➤ ***For the 2021 – 2022 school year (the upcoming academic cycle)***

For application details, and to submit application materials, please access this scholarship opportunity through the School of Film & Photography Scholarships and Grants website:

<http://sfp.montana.edu/scholarships/index.html>

THE SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT FOR NEXT YEAR WILL BE ANNOUNCED AT A LATER DATE