



Carl West Memorial Journalism Scholarship



The Bluegrass Pro Chapter of the Society of Professional Journalists has created an opportunity for students to pursue career goals in journalism by awarding at least one \$1,000 annual scholarship. This year's scholarship will be given in the name of Carl West, a life-long journalist and founder of the Kentucky Book Fair.

West served reporting stints in Northern Kentucky, Frankfort, Washington, and then again, in Frankfort in 1979 to become editor of The State Journal. Earlier in his career he did outstanding work as a reporter covering the regional and national scene, including Kentucky's State Capital and the White House and Pentagon in Washington. West retired as State Journal editor in 2014.

Selection Criteria

- Scholarships will be awarded to student whose work in and out of the classroom indicates a strong commitment to becoming professional print, broadcast or online journalists.
- Students who contribute time and talents to campus publications and broadcast stations will receive added consideration. Media internships will also be considered as measures of professional promise.
- Students who live and/or attend school in the Central and Eastern Kentucky regions, the areas served by Bluegrass SPJ, will receive added consideration.
- Students whose extracurricular activities indicate a commitment to the local community and profession will receive added consideration. Active participation in a student chapter of the Society of Professional Journalists is a plus.

The scholarships are renewable each year as long as the student remains qualified. However, the student must reapply each year and compete along with other applicants.

Applications for these scholarships will be judged by a selection committee determined by the Bluegrass Pro Chapter of the Society of Professional Journalists.

The application form is on the back of this sheet. It must be completed and submitted along with the required submissions listed at right.

Eligibility

- Must be a Kentucky resident and/or attend a Kentucky higher education institution.
- Must have completed three semesters of post-secondary education as a fulltime student.
- Must be in good academic standing and enrolled full time at a college or university.

Required Submissions

- Completed application form.
- A one-page, single-spaced letter summarizing your reasons for pursuing a journalism career.
- An up-to-date official college transcript.
- Three to five examples of your journalistic work such as newspaper/magazine clips, tapes, scripts, photos, graphics, layouts or editing.
- Letters of recommendation from two faculty members or journalism professionals who have direct knowledge of your work.

Deadline: March 30, 2018

Send all required materials, along with the application form, to:

**Tom Eblen
Bluegrass SPJ Scholarship Committee
52 Mentelle Park
Lexington KY 40502**

Questions? Any questions regarding scholarship applications should be directed to Tom at (859) 333-6276, or at teblen@herald-leader.com.

Application for Journalism Scholarships

Full Name _____

Mailing Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

E-mail Address _____

Telephone _____

EDUCATION

Name of High School _____

Address of High School _____

High School GPA _____

Name of College/University _____

Address of College/University _____

Status: Freshman Sophomore Junior Senior Graduate Student

Major _____ Minor _____

Hours completed _____

Current GPA _____ *(Please enclose an up-to-date transcript)*

JOURNALISM EXPERIENCE

List name of publication or company, address, contact or reference, and a brief description of your experience. Please include high school and college publication and/or broadcast experience and internships.

ORGANIZATIONS

List journalism organizations or activities in which you have participated, offices held.

PREVIOUS HONORS AND RECOGNITIONS

OTHER ACTIVITIES

Signature _____ Date _____