

SUMMER INTERNSHIP

WEEKLY & SMALLER DAILY NEWSPAPERS: Sign up now for 2020 NPA Foundation Summer Internship Scholarship Program

Sign up deadline for newspapers is Friday, February 7!

This is year four for the NPA Foundation's Summer Internship Scholarship Program. Five \$1,000 internship scholarships will be available to current Nebraska college students who successfully complete an eight-week summer internship program at a weekly or smaller daily newspaper in Nebraska.

The program is a way to introduce Nebraska journalism students to the challenges and rewards of community journalism, and give students hands-on experiences that will allow them to enhance their skills. The hope is that with this type of experience under their belts, former interns will become more involved in community journalism, either by working at or buying a Nebraska weekly, to continue the vital role newspapers play in our rural communities.

Program guidelines for participating newspapers:

- **Sign-up deadline (by email or phone) for newspapers to participate in the internship program is Friday, February 7.** Contact Susan Watson, nebpress@nebpress.com, or 402-476-2851/800-369-2850.
- Newspapers that participated in the 2019 internship program can sign up again for 2020. ***Students that participated as interns in 2019 are not eligible for the 2020 program.***
- The program is available only to students enrolled in a Nebraska college or university and majoring in journalism, communications or advertising/marketing. Interns can be involved in any aspect of journalism — reporting, photography, videography, graphic art/design, advertising/marketing or social media.
- ***Participating newspapers must agree to pay interns a living wage, a housing stipend, and provide on-site, hands-on experience at your newspaper. Each employer will define the specifics of the job.***
- The eight-week internships will take place summer of 2020; students must submit internship application form, reference letter(s), resumes and work samples to NPA by Friday, February 28. NPA will forward application forms & accompanying documents to the newspapers. **Newspapers will contact students directly to set up interviews, provide job descriptions, make job offers, etc.**
- **Students must have a valid driver's license and reliable vehicle for the duration of their internship, and must notify newspapers if they plan to have an additional job during the same time as their internship (for availability/scheduling purposes).**
- **Once the internship is successfully completed, intern and publisher/editor of the newspaper must submit a close-out evaluation to NPA.** Upon completion, the student will receive a \$1,000 scholarship from the NPA Foundation (check sent to their school for deposit into student's account) to assist with tuition.

HERE'S WHAT NPA'S

2019 SUMMER INTERNS HAD TO SAY



“This internship position did not feel like other internships I’ve had ... with this internship, I was able to actually write and have my stories published. I am extremely grateful for this opportunity. It was great for me to be able to learn in a setting where I was able to ask as many questions as I wanted. I think this internship has prepared me the most for my career in journalism.”

Madison Keith, UNL

“Interning at the Northeast Nebraska News Company was easily one of the best experiences I have ever had. It offered me real world experience and a chance to learn by doing instead of in a classroom. Many of the things I learned in a classroom were not as applicable to the real world situations I faced. It was great having to figure out problems on my own in real world situations just like real journalist do everyday.”

Kenneth Ferriera, UNL



“This summer working at the Seward County Independent has been one of growth and learning. Before this summer, all I really cared to write about and felt qualified to write about was sports. This summer has forced me to write about a variety of topics in a variety of settings, which I am very thankful for. I appreciated the amount of freedom that was given to me, even as an intern, to handle my stories how I saw fit.”

Nicholas Boys, Concordia University

“I saw what makes a small-town newspaper different. Like any small town business, the Elgin Review did more than just one service. They are the town’s printing service and I helped with these printing tasks. I also managed the office during the editors’ absence and worked with customer service. This summer, I gained valuable experience and learned more about what it means to work at a small-town newspaper.”

Marie Meis, UNL

