



COLLEGIATE
(For current and continuing College Students)



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*Guidelines of the Nebraska Press Association Scholarship Program
Sponsored by the Nebraska Press Association Foundation
& Member Newspapers of the Nebraska Press Association*

This application is for JOURNALISM or AG COMMUNICATION students

1. It is proposed to award \$2,000 scholarships for the 2023 school year to qualified graduates of Nebraska high schools enrolled in post-secondary educational program at a college or university, with **an interest in community-based journalism or agricultural communications.**
2. Eligible to apply are 2022 college/university students who graduated from a (Nebraska) high school in prior years and are now enrolled at a college/university. Enrollment must be on a full-time basis. The recipient must use and enroll no later than the start of the third semester after the awarding of the scholarship.
3. The educational institution involved must offer a curriculum which provides the necessary education so a student graduating from the program is **qualified for at least an entry level position in either community-based journalism or agricultural communications.**
4. **Scholarships will be given to students with a specific interest in news, editorial, photography, circulation, production/design, or marketing/advertising careers at a weekly, semi-weekly, or daily newspaper, or students with a specific interest in agricultural communications.**
5. Selection of the recipients will be based on scholastic ability and good citizenship in school. The decision of the NPA Foundation Scholarship Committee is final and not subject to review.
6. A letter of reference from the applicant’s community newspaper publisher or editor may accompany the application, but this is not a requirement in order to be considered. **A statement from a college professor is required.**
7. The application form must be filled out by the applicant and an essay must also be provided (pg. 2 of application). Mail or email the application and accompanying documents to the NPA Foundation Scholarship Committee, c/o Nebraska Press Association, 845 “S” Street, Lincoln, NE 68508 or nebpress@nebpress.com. **Applications must be postmarked by March 17, 2023. Scholarship recipients will be notified in early April.**
8. 2023 scholarship funds will be paid in January 2024 (once recipient’s required payout documents have been received by NE Press Assn). Funds will go directly to the college or university (for deposit into the student’s account) upon satisfactory completion of the first semester and proof of second semester enrollment. Unused scholarships must come to Foundation Board for decision to renew and to see if rules have been met.
9. Answers to questions about the scholarship program should be directed to Susan Watson, Nebraska Press Association, 845 “S” Street, Lincoln, NE 68508, nebpress@nebpress.com, or (402) 476-2851.



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**Application for a \$2,000 Nebraska Press Association
Foundation Scholarship (COLLEGIATE)**

******Each application must be mailed with at least one letter of reference.******

Full Name: _____

Current Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Email Address: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Sex: ___M ___F

College/University where scholarship would be used: _____

Current grade level: _____ Year you expect to graduate: _____

Family Information:

Parent's Names: _____

Permanent Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

Parent's Ph #: _____

If this application is accepted by the Nebraska Press Association and a scholarship is awarded, the undersigned hereby agrees to abide by the rules and regulations of the NPA Foundation regarding the use of scholarships.

Date: _____ Signature of Applicant: _____

Application must be postmarked by: March 17, 2023

APPLICANT MUST WRITE AN ESSAY ON ONE OF THE FOLLOWING TOPICS:

- Write about a moment that illustrated your shift from child to adult within your community or family.
- If you could stop one invention from being invented, what would it be?
- Write about a problem that you have or want to solve.
- What makes you angry? What are you doing or what have you done about it?

The essay should be attached to this application. Essay should be no more than 500 words long. Essays will be judged by Nebraska newspaper publishers who will consider whether the essay would be publishable as a column or opinion piece in their community newspapers.

Letter of Recommendation:

A letter of recommendation on behalf of the student, written by a college professor should be attached to this form.

Regarding your education up to this time: What subject has interested you most, and why?

Approximate grade point average: _____

Collegiate Activities and Leadership Role: Define positive citizenship and give two specific examples of how you have demonstrated good citizenship at the collegiate level: _____

If available, submit no more than three (3) samples of Community Journalism or Ag Communications product, work or writing.

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