



High School
(For current high school 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 or planning to enroll in post-secondary educational programs at a college and university **with an interest in community-based journalism or ag communications.**

2. Eligible to apply are 2023 Nebraska high school graduates who are now seeking to enroll in colleges and universities. Enrollment must be on a full-time basis. The recipient must use the scholarship and enroll no later than the start of the third semester after the awarding of the scholarship.

3. **The scholarships will be given to students with a specific interest in news, editorial, photography, circulation, production/design or marketing careers at a weekly, semi-weekly, or daily newspaper. 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 community-based journalism or ag communications.**

4. Selection of the recipients will be based on scholastic ability and good citizenship in school and community. The decision of the NPA Foundation Scholarship Committee is final and not subject to review.

5. 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 high-school administrator, guidance counselor, or college counselor is required and a letter of reference from an unrelated party (employer, clergy, coach, etc.) is also required.**

6. 2023 scholarship funds will be paid in January 2024 (once recipient’s required payout documents have been received by Nebr. 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.

7. The application form must be filled out by the applicant and an essay must be provided (pg. 2 of application). Mail or email to the NPA Foundation Scholarship Committee, c/o Nebraska Press Association, 845 “S” Street, Lincoln, NE 68508, nebpress@nebpress.com. **Applications must be postmarked by March 17, 2023.** *Scholarship recipients will be notified in early April.*

8. 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, (402) 476-2851.



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

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

Full Name: _____

Home Address: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

Email Address: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Sex: ___M ___F

High School Attended and Proposed Date of Graduation: _____

Address: _____

Current grade level: _____

College/University where scholarship would be used: _____

Proposed Course of Study: _____

Family Information:

Parent's Names: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

Phone #: _____

If this application is accepted by the Nebraska Press Association Foundation 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

The Applicant must write an essay on ONE of the following topics:

- What role does social media play in your life? Write about its influence-or lack thereof.
- Write about a piece of media that has influenced or impacted you significantly.
- Should all students get equal space in a yearbook?
- What do older generations misunderstand about your generation?

The essay should be attached to this application. The 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.

Letters of Recommendation:

A letter of recommendation on behalf of the student, written by a high-school administrator/guidance counselor/college counselor, as well as a letter of recommendation written by an unrelated party (employer, clergy, coach, etc.) should be attached to this form.

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

College Prep courses taken: _____

Approximate grade point average: _____

ACT test score _____ SAT test score _____

School and Leadership Role: List the school and community activities you participated in during grades 9 to 12. Indicate Leadership positions held. _____

Civic Activities and Leadership Role: Define positive citizenship and give two specific examples of how you have demonstrated good citizenship in your community. _____

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

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