



COLLEGIATE
(For current and continuing College Students)



Nebraska Press Association Foundation, Inc.
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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 COMMUNICATIONS students

1. It is proposed to award \$2,000 scholarships for the 2024 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 print journalism or agricultural communications.**

2. Those eligible to apply are 2023 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 print journalism or agricultural communications.**

4. **Scholarships will be given to students with a specific interest in community-based print journalism - news, editorial, sports, 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, essay question response, and student’s involvement in their local community newspaper, or college student newspaper.** The decision of the NPA Foundation Scholarship Committee is final and not subject to review.

6. **A statement from a college professor is required.** A letter of reference from the applicant’s community newspaper (publisher or editor) or college student newspaper adviser may accompany the application, but is not 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 Friday, January 19, 2024. Scholarship award recipients will be notified in early March.**

8. 2024 scholarship funds will be distributed in January 2025 (once recipient’s required payout documents are received by NE Press Assn) and 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. For questions about the scholarship program, contact 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 submitted with at least one letter of reference.*******

Student Information:

Full Name: _____

Current Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Email Address: _____

Date of Birth: _____

College/University where scholarship would be used: _____

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

Current Major: _____

Approximate grade point average: _____

Family Information:

Parents' Names: _____

Permanent Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

Parents' 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: _____

(signature required for scholarship consideration)

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APPLICANT MUST WRITE AN ESSAY ON THE FOLLOWING 2-PART QUESTION:
How do you define ‘community journalism,’ and how do you receive your news (print, news app, social media)?

Attach your essay with application form.

Letter of Recommendation:

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

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

List work you’ve done on student publications:_____

List work you’ve done for newspapers (internships, summer, part-time, or freelance jobs):

Do you or your family have a print or e-edition subscription to your local newspaper?

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

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