



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 2024 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. Those eligible to apply are upcoming 2024 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, sports, photography, circulation, production/design or marketing/advertising 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, essay question response, and student’s involvement in their local community newspaper, or student newspaper. 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. 2024 scholarship funds will be paid in January 2025 (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; email to nebpress@nebpress.com. **Applications must be postmarked by Friday, January 19, 2024. Scholarship award recipients will be notified in early March.**

8. 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 TWO letters of reference.*****

Student Information:

Full Name: _____

Home Address: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

Email Address: _____

Date of Birth: _____

High School Attended and Proposed Date of Graduation: _____

Current grade level: _____

Approximate grade point average: _____

ACT test score _____ SAT test score _____

College/University where scholarship would be used: _____

Proposed Major: _____

Family Information:

Parents' 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: _____ Parent Signature: _____

(signature required for scholarship consideration)

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APPLICANT MUST WRITE AN ESSAY ON THE FOLLOWING QUESTION:

What does your hometown mean to you?

Attach your essay with application form.

Letters of Recommendation:

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

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

College Prep courses taken: _____

List work you've done on student publications: _____

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

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

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

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