



2024 SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS – DEADLINE MAY 15, 2024

ELIGIBILITY: The Society of Professional Journalists Los Angeles (SPJ/LA) will award scholarships to aspiring journalists who are full-time students majoring in journalism in an accredited undergraduate or graduate journalism program in Los Angeles, Orange and Ventura counties. Applicants must demonstrate their potential to succeed in news, sports and photojournalism media careers. Students born and raised and who attended high schools in Los Angeles, Orange and Ventura counties and are attending accredited journalism programs elsewhere are also eligible. Applicants may only submit one form on which they may apply for multiple scholarships if meet each of the specific criteria, but no more than one scholarship will be awarded to any applicant. High School seniors from Los Angeles, Orange and Ventura counties are eligible to apply for the Bill Farr Memorial Scholarship. Students in fields, such as advertising, public relations or law, are not eligible.

REQUIREMENTS: Email the following, preferably in one file, with attachments and links:

APPLICATION FORM (below) fully completed.

PROOF OF ENROLLMENT or acceptance in an accredited journalism program at a two-year or four-year college or university.

STANDARD RESUME containing a record of your school and/or professional journalism experience, including positions held, (reporter, city editor, etc.), dates you began and ended work for each position. A brief description of your duties and a list of references with contact information. Include journalism honors and awards, scholarships or achievements in any field.

NEWS JOURNALISM WORK SAMPLES will be at least three of your best fair and balanced work, in acceptable formats, attachments and links, clearly indicating the media outlet with your sole byline or credit and any special circumstances under which the work was done. No opinion pieces will be accepted. Print/text journalists submit at least three articles you have written. Photojournalists submit five or six samples or more to show the breadth of your experience. Broadcast journalists submit a variety of video clips on set and reporting in the field.

RECOMMENDATION LETTER from your journalism professors or instructors must be emailed directly to SPJLAScholarships2024@gmail.com. If a rising college Freshman, then provide a letter from your high school teacher outlining your journalism goals.

PERSONAL ESSAY of no more than 500 words describing your career goals and expectations as a future journalist and how will you accomplish your goals.

SEEK TRUTH AND REPORT IT

MINIMIZE HARM

CODE of ETHICS

ACT INDEPENDENTLY

BE ACCOUNTABLE AND TRANSPARENT

SCHOLARSHIPS:

Richard D. Hendrickson Memorial Scholarship - This scholarship, to encourage diversity in newsrooms, is awarded to an enrolled college student who self-identifies as Black; Hispanic, Latino or Latinx; Native American/Indigenous; Asian/Pacific Islander or Middle Eastern and is pursuing a career in the field of print/text journalism. Richard D. Hendrickson, Ph.D., was an SPJLA Board Member who had a 40-year career as an award-winning newspaper reporter and editor and was an instructor at Cleveland's John Carroll University, UCLA Extension and CSUN. (Scholarship Award \$2,000)

Nonprofit Communications and Media Network's Lisa A. Davidson Memorial Scholarship (supported by contributions to the Ruth Collander Endowment Fund) – This scholarship is awarded to a student who is currently enrolled in college or has been accepted to college in Los Angeles County, Orange County or Ventura County and will be pursuing a career in journalism. (Scholarship Award \$1,500)

Ken Inouye Memorial Scholarship – This scholarship is awarded to a college journalist of color and is aimed at increasing ethnic diversity in newsrooms. Ken Inouye was a 22-year-old cameraman for the International News Service, covering the Korean War, when he was killed aboard an Army aircraft. (Scholarship Award \$1,500)

Helen Johnson Memorial Scholarship – This scholarship is awarded to a college student pursuing broadcast journalism. This award honors the late Helen Johnson, a producer of "Channel 4 News Conference" and an associate producer of "Meet the Press." (Scholarship Award \$1,500).

Carl Greenberg Memorial Scholarship – This scholarship is awarded to a college student pursuing investigative or political reporting. Carl Greenberg was a political reporter at the Los Angeles Times, famed for being singled out by Richard Nixon as the only reporter who covered him "fairly." (Scholarship Award \$1,500).

Bill Farr Memorial Scholarship – This scholarship is awarded to high school seniors or college students who demonstrate a strong intent to pursue a career in journalism. The award honors the late Bill Farr, a reporter for the Los Angeles Times who sat in county jail for 46 days for refusing to tell a judge which lawyers had violated a gag order during the Charles Manson murder trial. (Scholarship Award \$1,500).

APPLICATION FORM:

NAME _____

MAILING ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

TELEPHONE _____ E-MAIL ADDRESS _____

Check each of the scholarships for which you are applying:

- Richard D. Hendrickson Scholarship – newsroom diversity, text/print (\$2,000).
- Lisa A. Davidson Memorial Scholarship – aspiring journalist (\$1,500).
- Ken Inouye Scholarship – media diversity (\$1,500).
- Helen Johnson Scholarship – broadcast journalism (\$1,500).
- Carl Greenberg Scholarship – investigative or political reporting (\$1,500).
- Bill Farr Scholarship – aspiring journalist (\$1,500).

ACADEMIC INFORMATION University, college (or high school if applying for Bill Farr Memorial Scholarship) _____

Major _____ Minor _____

Grade Point Average (GPA) _____ Journalism GPA _____

Degree sought: BA _____ MA _____ Ph.D. _____

Anticipated date of graduation _____

Date of birth _____

High school from which you graduated _____

City and state of your high school _____

Applications must be submitted on online with attachments and links preferably in one file with all requirements. Incomplete applications will be disqualified.

Deadline is midnight, May 15, 2024.

Applications and questions by e-mail to: Richard Saxton, Scholarship Committee Chair – SPJLAScholarships2024@gmail.com To find out more about the Society of Professional Journalists Greater Los Angeles Chapter, please visit <http://spjla.org>

