St. Louis Press Club 2021 Scholarship & Application Information

St. Louis Press Club Scholarships are available for students pursuing degrees leading to careers in print, digital or broadcast journalism.

St. Louis Press Club Internship Scholarships are available to communication students who are able to intern at the Press Club office 12 hours per week (minimum 130 total hours).

Media Summer Internship Scholarships are available for students arranging their own summer internships.

SCHOLARSHIP ELIGIBILITY:

All Applicants must be:

- Currently enrolled as full-time students who are intending to pursue a career in journalism, media communications or a related media field; graduate students must carry at least six hours.
- Preference is given to students from the St Louis bi-state metropolitan area (City of St. Louis, Franklin, Jefferson, Lincoln, St. Charles, St. Louis, and Warren Counties in Missouri; and Bond, Clinton, Jackson, Jersey, Madison, Monroe, and St. Clair Counties in Illinois.)

David Lipman Journalism Scholarship
$4,000 award
Presented by the Press Club and the St. Louis Post-Dispatch to a journalism student at the University Of Missouri School of Journalism.

(Selection of David Lipman $4,000 scholarship recipient is made by the University of Missouri School of Journalism faculty)

Ronald W. Wade Journalism Scholarship
$2,500 award
Presented by the Press Club and St. Louis Post-Dispatch to a minority journalism student

Neiman Marcus Media Scholarship
$2,000 award
Presented to students pursuing a career in print, broadcast or digital journalism

Summer Media Internship Scholarship
$1,000 award
For students pursuing a media career in print, broadcast or digital journalism interning for degree requirement.

St. Louis Press Club Internship Scholarships
$1,000 award
For communications students each semester interning at St. Louis Press Club

High School Journalism Scholarship
$1,000 award
For a graduating senior selected by the Missouri Journalism Educators Association

Karlheinz and Doris Finzel Photojournalism Scholarship
$1500 award
Presented to a student pursuing a photojournalism career

Journalism Foundation Scholarships
$500 to $1,500 awards
From other communications organizations: Missouri Professional Communicators, United Media Guild, Fleishman Hillard, Times Newspapers with Webster University

Joan Foster Dames Women’s Journalism and Media Studies Scholarship
$1,000 award
For women pursuing a degree in journalism or media studies

Joe Bonwich Media Scholarship
$1,000 award
For students pursuing a media communications career

Donald R. Burris Journalism Scholarship
$1,500 award
For a Webster University student pursuing a media career in print, broadcast or digital journalism

Sarah Bryan Miller Scholarship
$1,000 award
For a student studying both communications and music
PROCEDURE AND REQUIREMENTS:

All applicants must:

1. **Complete the application form** page 3 of this document.

2. **Write a statement** of 300 to 500 words explaining why you are applying for this scholarship. If seeking an internship scholarship, describe your expectations for that internship and where, if known, you'll be interning. Include your plan for completing your education, your long-term career goals, your college activities, the number of hours you have completed in media related classes, and, your financial need circumstances, if any.

3. **Submit your best work sample** (e.g., news or magazine article, ad, brochure, video, DVD, class paper on communications topic, photographs).

4. Have a communications or media related professor submit a **letter of recommendation**.

5. Your **college transcript** of classes and grades. *(your copy is acceptable)*

Return your completed application by Thursday, April 1, 2021.

Submit to:
St. Louis Press Club
If Mailed: P.O. Box 410522, Creve Coeur, MO 63141
If Emailed: info@stlpressclub.org
If delivered, call first (314-449-8029 or 314-640-6760) and bring to Press Club office, Third Floor (350) of 2127 Innerbelt Business Center Drive, St. Louis, MO 63114

SELECTION PROCESS

A panel of judges from the St. Louis Press Club will select the scholarship recipients based on:

- Quality/focus of essay and quality of work samples
- Letter of recommendation from communications professor
- Academic excellence and financial need
- If applying for Press Club internship, an interview with the executive director

**Students will be notified of scholarship decisions by May 1, 2021**

FOLLOW UP

- Upon selection, submit a recent photo of yourself, head and shoulders, to be distributed with a news release. Also, a list of newspapers/publications to which you would like such a release sent.

- Journalism Foundation scholarship winners: You will need to have your university confirm your fall enrollment prior to receiving your scholarship.

- Summer Media Internship Scholarship winners: Upon completion of your internship, send to the Press Club a one-page summary of your internship experience and your internship supervisor must complete and return the Student Internship Evaluation form that will be provided by the Press Club.
Scholarship Application Form

Indicate ALL the scholarships for which you wish to be considered:

_____ $4,000 David Lipman Scholarship (selected by Missouri School of Journalism faculty)
_____ $2,500 Ronald W. Wade Journalism Scholarship
_____ $2,000 Neiman Marcus Media Scholarship
_____ $1,000 Summer Media Internship Scholarships
_____ $1,000 Press Club Internship Scholarship (one each semester)
_____ $1,000 High School Journalism Scholarship (selected by Missouri Journalism Education Assoc.)
_____ $1,500 Karlheinz and Doris Finzel Photojournalism Scholarship
_____ $500-$1,500 Journalism Foundation Scholarships (multiple given)
_____ $1,000 Joan Foster Dames Women’s Journalism and Media Studies Scholarship
_____ $1,500 Donald R. Burris Journalism Scholarship
_____ $1,000 Sarah Bryan Miller Scholarship
_____ $1,000 St. Louis Press Club Media Scholarships (each semester)

Name of Applicant_______________________________________  Date of Birth ________________________

Current College or University__________________________________________________________________

Present Year in College:  ____Sophomore ____Junior ____Senior ____Graduate

Expected Graduation Date _________________

College attending next semester (if different from current)____________________________________________

College Grade Point Average _________________ Major (and minor if applicable) _______________________

Applicant's Current College Address (Street/City/State/ZIP)

__________________________________________________________________________________________

Cell phone:__________________________________   Home Phone:__________________________________

Email: __________________________________________________________

Applicant's Home Address (Street/City/State/ZIP)

______________________________________________________________________________ County ______________

Name of Parents/Guardian/Spouse______________________________________________________________

Check the field or fields of journalism or communication you plan to pursue in your career:

☐ Newspaper    ☐ Public/Community Relations    ☐ Broadcast    ☐ Magazines
☐ Business/Trade Publications ☐ Teaching ☐ Advertising ☐ Photojournalism
☐ Videography and/or social media venues (explain) ☐ Other (please specify)

If applying for an internship with the Press Club, please list computer software program proficiencies:

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