



2020 SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

The Society of Professional Journalists Los Angeles will award scholarships to students actively pursuing careers in journalism that meet the criteria set out below.

SUBMISSION DEADLINE JUNE 1, 2020

All applications and documentation must be submitted online by June 1, 2020, to be considered: SPJLAScholarships2020@gmail.com Awards announced late-June 2020.

ELIGIBILITY:

Students from Los Angeles, Orange and Ventura counties who have completed at least their freshman year of college, as well as graduate students from those same counties, are eligible to apply for **all scholarships**. Or, if you are enrolled in college in another state, have graduated high school in Los Angeles, Orange or Ventura counties. High School seniors from Los Angeles, Orange and Ventura counties are eligible to apply for the Bill Farr Memorial Scholarship.

Richard D. Hendrickson Memorial Scholarship - This scholarship is awarded to an enrolled college student pursuing a career in the field of text/print 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).

CRITERIA:

Primarily, awards are based on applicants’ potential to succeed in news media careers. However, financial need is considered if all other qualifications of competing applicants are equal.

Applicants may apply for more than one scholarship by checking all of the appropriate boxes on the form, but no more than one scholarship will be awarded to any applicant. Multiple applications will be discarded.

PROOF OF JOURNALISM PROGRAM ENROLLMENT:

Proof of enrollment or acceptance in a journalism program at a two-year or four-year college or university.

If your college does not have a journalism program, or if you are not enrolled in a journalism program, you must supply a letter from an adviser to your student media program, student-run campus news outlet or an SPJ member in good standing in your geographic area, verifying that you intend to pursue a career as a professional journalist and that you show strong potential as a journalist.

Students completing pre-journalism programs must provide proof they have been admitted to a journalism program.

Students must have completed at least their freshman year in college, and have at least one semester to complete in a journalism program after the award of the scholarship.

Graduate students in journalism programs are eligible. However, students in fields, such as advertising, public relations or law, are not eligible.

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

COVER SHEET (see below)

Your application must contain your resume, journalism work samples, reference letter and an essay, preferably in one file. Be sure your name is on all elements of your submission.

STANDARD RESUME This document should contain 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 and a brief description of your duties (e.g., “feature editor, assigned and edited six to 10 features a week for a staff of four writers”), and a list of references with contact information.

You may include additional information, including journalism honors and awards, scholarships or achievements in any field (art or athletics, for example).

JOURNALISM WORK SAMPLES Submit your application online via email, scanning, attaching and/or providing links to your work samples in acceptable formats and/or provide specific links to their online published work including text, print, multimedia, photo and broadcast journalism samples.

- **Print, Online text and Multimedia:** Submit three samples of your best work.

- **Broadcast:** Submit up to three samples of your best work, with attachments or links to short videos and/or audio files.

- **Photojournalism:** Five or six samples are sufficient, but if you need to include more to show the breadth of your experience, you may do so.

Be sure that your submissions are clearly and accurately identified, with your name and other pertinent information, such as your university, college or high school. You may describe any special circumstances under which the work was done – such as unusually tight deadlines or particularly adverse conditions.

PROFESSOR/INSTRUCTOR RECOMMENDATION LETTER Applicants are required to provide a **letter of recommendation** from one of their journalism professors or instructors. If a rising college Freshman, then provide a letter from your high school teacher outlining your journalism goals.

ESSAY Write no more than 500 words describing your career goals: What specific kind of work do you hope to do in journalism when you graduate and later in your career? What are your expectations as a future practitioner? How will you accomplish your goals? (If you wish for financial need to be considered, include documentation in this statement.)

To find out more about the Society of Professional Journalists Greater Los Angeles Chapter, please visit <http://spjla.org/>

2020 SPJLA APPLICATION

NAME _____

MAILING ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

TELEPHONE _____ E-MAIL ADDRESS _____

TWITTER Handle _____

Check each of the scholarships for which you are applying:

- Richard D. Hendrickson** – text/print journalism (\$2,000).
- Lisa A. Davidson** – college-enrolled in journalism (\$1,500).
- Ken Inouye Scholarship** – ethnic diversity scholarship (\$1,500).
- Helen Johnson Scholarship** – broadcast journalism (\$1,500).
- Carl Greenberg Scholarship** – investigative or political reporting (\$1,500).
- Bill Farr Scholarship** – journalism majors or future journalists (\$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, June 1, 2020. Applications to: Richard Saxton,
Scholarship Committee Chair – SPJLAScholarships2020@gmail.com**