



MAIL AAJA Seattle Scholarships
TO: Venice Buhain
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111 Bethel St. N.E.
Olympia, WA 98507

AAJA Seattle Scholarships application form

APPLICATION DEADLINE: May 1, 2010

Please print or type legibly. Applications must be **postmarked by May 1, 2010**. Keep a copy of this application for your own files. Refer to the back of this application for additional requirements.

PERSONAL INFORMATION	
Name _____	Gender _____
Ethnicity _____	Date of Birth _____
Home or Permanent Address _____	
City _____	State _____ Zip _____
Current School _____	Major(s) _____
G.P.A. _____	Expected Graduation Date _____
Campus Address _____	
City _____	State _____ Zip _____
Telephone _____	Cell Phone _____ E-mail _____
Where will you attend school in 2010-2011 _____	
How did you learn of this scholarship? (Poster, professor, previous scholar?) _____	
Scholarship winners will be notified late-May 2010. Where should we contact you? _____ Campus _____ Home Address _____	

CHOOSE YOUR SCHOLARSHIPS
Check all the scholarships you'd like to be considered for:
<input type="checkbox"/> Northwest Journalists of Color Scholarship: Since its inception in 1986, more than 100 students from a variety of ethnic and cultural backgrounds have received grants to support their studies. This program awards up to \$2,500 in scholarship money to students who intend to pursue careers in journalism. Eligible applicants are students who will attend a college or university in Washington in the fall and Washington state residents or seniors attending a high school in Washington who will attend an accredited college or university in the fall.
<input type="checkbox"/> Founders' Scholarship: <i>Only AAJA Seattle Student Members Eligible.</i> The Founders' Scholarship was established in 2000 to honor Frank Abe, Ron Chew and Lori Matsukawa, who founded the AAJA Seattle chapter in 1985. The scholarship covers a student registration fee for the 2010 AAJA National Convention, which will be Aug. 4-7 in Los Angeles. A small stipend for travel and accommodations is available. For more information about the convention, go to www.aaja.org .
<input type="checkbox"/> AAJA Seattle/911 Media Arts Student Scholarship: <i>Only AAJA Seattle Student Members Eligible.</i> AAJA Seattle has partnered with the 911 Media Arts Center, the state's premiere non-profit in new media art and documentary film, to help members looking to develop digital media skills. Through this partnership, the chapter will award two scholarships in 2010 to AAJA Seattle student members for up to \$500 in costs of a recipient's classes, computer lab and rental fees at the 911 Media Arts Center in Seattle's University District.

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND

School	Location	Dates Attended	Major & Degree
High School			
College			
College			

EXPERIENCE AND TRAINING

Journalism or writing experience (professional, school or volunteer) _____

What journalism classes, workshops or other training have you completed? _____

What professional organizations do you belong to? _____

Community or civic projects; other information _____

Applicants may attach a resume to answer these questions or to provide additional information.

ESSAY

Please answer the following in a 500-word essay attached with this application:

With the journalism profession going through major changes and transitions, why do you want to pursue this career? How will your experiences and cultural background help in advancing innovation for the profession? Finally, how will these scholarships help you reach your career goals?

APPLICANT'S STATEMENT

I certify that all materials I've submitted are my own and that all statements in this application are truthful. I also affirm that I intend to pursue a career in journalism and that the awarding of any funds is contingent on my enrollment in the accredited institution on my application. If I am selected for a scholarship, I will use the funds for my education.

Signature

Date

HOW TO APPLY:

ELIGIBILITY

For the **Northwest Journalists of Color Scholarship**, Applications will be accepted from those who meet one of the following criteria:

- Current undergraduate students at a Washington state college or university who will be attending school this fall.
- Washington residents who will be attending an accredited college or university this fall.
- Seniors of a Washington state high school who will be attending an accredited college or university this fall.

Applications for the **Founders' Scholarship** and the **AAJA Seattle/911 Media Arts Student Scholarship** will be accepted from any AAJA student member in Washington State, including graduating seniors. For more details on joining AAJA, please contact AAJA Seattle president Sanjay Bhatt at sbhatt@seattletimes.com.

APPLICATION MATERIALS

For the Founders' Scholarship and AAJA Seattle/911 Media Arts Student Scholarship:

- A completed application form.
- A 500-word essay (See scholarship application)

For the Northwest Journalists of Color Scholarship:

- A completed application form.
- Two letters of recommendation from references who know you and your academic or journalistic work. Letters must be signed and sealed by the writer and included with this application. **Letters will not be accepted separate from the application.**
- An official copy of your current transcript.
- Resume (optional).
- A 500-word essay (See scholarship application).
- Statement of Financial need. Please describe the **cost of your education and list any sources you use** (i.e. scholarships, jobs, parental assistance and other types of financial aid) to pay for your education.
- Submit three samples of your best work and enclose **five** copies of each. Writing samples can be submitted as 8-by-11 ½ printed copies or converted to PDF format and copied to five CDs. Visual or audio samples should be copied to **five CDs**. **Applications with insufficient copies of samples or corrupt electronic files will be deemed incomplete and will not be considered.**

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SCHOLARSHIP RECEPTION:

NJC will host an awards ceremony and reception for scholarship winners in early June. This event is held each year in Seattle and is an excellent opportunity for NJC Scholars to connect with media professionals. We will notify scholarship winners of the exact date and time of the event by late-May. If selected, please plan to join us. Family and friends are encouraged to attend.

QUESTIONS?

For more information, email scholarship co-chair Venice Buhain at vbuhain@theolympian.com or scholarship co-chair Mai Hoang at mhoang@yakimaherald.com.

Find the electronic version of this application online at www.aajaseattle.org.



About AAJA Seattle

Since 1985, the Seattle chapter of the Asian American Journalists Association has provided scholarships for students, professional development for journalists and service to the community in the Pacific Northwest. AAJA Seattle's members work throughout Washington state in print, television, radio and online media.

The Seattle chapter promotes the association's three-part mission:

- To encourage young Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders to enter the ranks of journalism.
- To promote fair and accurate coverage of Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders.
- To increase the number of Asian American and Pacific Islander journalists and news managers in the industry.

