



## 2021 SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

“You fell in love with journalism. You dreamt about it. You decided to follow that dream.”—Tom Huang, Sunday & Enterprise Editor, Dallas Morning News.

The **Society of Professional Journalists Los Angeles (SPJLA)** will award scholarships to full-time students enrolled in an accredited undergraduate or graduate journalism program in Los Angeles, Orange and Ventura counties who demonstrate their potential to succeed in news, sports and photojournalism media careers. Work samples in print, text, digital, photo and/or broadcast media is required. Students who attended high schools in Los Angeles, Orange and Ventura counties and are attending journalism programs elsewhere are also eligible. Financial need is considered if all other qualifications of competing applicants are equal. 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 a journalism program at a two-year or four-year college or university. Students completing pre-journalism programs must provide proof they have been admitted to a journalism program.

**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 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. Include journalism honors and awards, scholarships or achievements in any field.

**JOURNALISM WORK SAMPLES**, at least three of your best work, in acceptable formats attachments and links, clearly indicating publication and your byline, credit, etc. and any special circumstances under which the work was done, such as unusually tight deadlines or particularly adverse conditions.

Print/text journalists submit at least three articles you have written and, if you wish, additional material with editor credit.

Photojournalists submit five or six samples or more to show the breadth of your experience. Broadcast journalists submit a variety of clips on set and reporting in the field.

**RECOMMENDATION LETTER** from your journalism professors or instructors emailed directly to SPJLAScholarships2021@gmail.com. If a rising college Freshman, then provide a letter from your high school teacher outlining your journalism goals.

**ESSAY** of no more than 500 words describing your career goals and expectations as a future journalist and how will you accomplish your goals. (If you wish for financial need to be considered, include documentation in this statement).

## **SUBMISSION DEADLINE JUNE 1, 2021**

All applications and documentation must be submitted online by June 1, 2021, to be considered: SPJLAScholarships2021@gmail.com Awards announced mid-July 2021.

## **SCHOLARSHIP DESCRIPTIONS:**

**Richard D. Hendrickson Memorial Scholarship** - This scholarship is awarded to an enrolled college student who identifies as an ethnic minority 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).

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

# APPLICATION COVER SHEET

Society of Professional Journalists, Greater Los Angeles Chapter 2021 Scholarships

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

MAILING ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

TELEPHONE \_\_\_\_\_ E-MAIL ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

Check each of the scholarships for which you are applying:

- Richard D. Hendrickson Scholarship – ethnic diversity, text/print (\$2,000).
- Lisa A. Davidson Memorial Scholarship – aspiring journalist (\$1,500).
- Ken Inouye Scholarship – ethnic 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)

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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, 2021. Applications and questions by e-mail to: Richard Saxton, Scholarship Committee Chair – [SPJLAScholarships2021@gmail.com](mailto:SPJLAScholarships2021@gmail.com)