

Chips Quinn Scholars Program for Diversity in Journalism

The Chips Quinn Scholars Program offers training, paid internships and \$1,000 awards to college students or recent graduates of color who are pursuing careers in newspaper journalism. College juniors, seniors or graduates within the past year, with majors or career goals in newspapers, are eligible to be nominated by their schools for Chips Quinn scholarships.

Campus newspaper experience is strongly encouraged.

The program begins with a five-day orientation at the Freedom Forum World Center in Arlington, Va.; followed by a 10- or 12-week paid internship at a participating newspaper.

Internships are full-time. Students applying for the Spring program, who have not yet graduated, must plan to take the semester off from school.

Students nominated **must** have a car.

Final placements are based on editors' selections and needs of newspapers.

Please inform us of any family or other obligations that would impose geographic limitations on your internship.

Please address any questions to Karen Catone at 703/284-3934, or kcatone@freedomforum.org.

Students can apply through the journalism or mass communications department administrator or the adviser of the campus newspaper by submitting this form and other required documents.

Please check to be sure you have included:

1. The completed and signed application form
2. A résumé
3. Academic transcripts (unofficial)
4. At least two letters of recommendation from persons who know your journalism skills.
(i.e., journalism professor, campus newspaper adviser, supervisor from a previous internship or editor where you have freelanced)
5. Six samples of your work. **Work samples cannot be returned.**

♦**REPORTERS:** Clear photocopies of published articles on 8 1/2" by 11" paper. Please do not copy stories on both sides of the paper and do not reduce size of print. If stories are oversized, use 8 1/2" by 14" paper or send a tear sheet. Class assignments are accepted, but must be typed and double-spaced.

♦**PHOTOGRAPHERS:** Digital format on a CD is preferred, with caption information in PDF format. If not available, submit color slides or clear photocopies with caption information. Picture stories or sequences should be numbered.

6. Essay
7. A head-shot photo of yourself (i.e., passport photo)

Completed applications should be sent to:

Karen Catone
Director/Chips Quinn Scholars Program
Freedom Forum
1101 Wilson Blvd.
Arlington, VA 22209

We are unable to accept faxed nominations.

The Freedom Forum, based in Arlington, Va., is a non-partisan foundation dedicated to free press, free speech and free spirit for all people. The foundation focuses on three main priorities: the Newseum, First Amendment issues and newsroom diversity.

The Freedom Forum funds two independent affiliates — the Newseum, the interactive museum of news planned for Washington, D.C.; and the First Amendment Center, with offices at Vanderbilt University in Nashville, Tenn.,

and in Arlington.

The Freedom Forum was established in 1991 under the direction of Founder Allen H. Neuharth as successor to a foundation started in 1935 by newspaper publisher Frank E. Gannett. The Freedom Forum is not affiliated with Gannett Co., does not solicit or accept financial contributions, and does not accept unsolicited funding requests. Its work is supported by income from an endowment of diversified assets.



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Application Form

Name _____ Soc. Sec. No. _____ Birthdate: _____

Your address while in school _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Phone number where you can be reached _____ E-mail address _____

College/University _____

City _____ State _____

Is your school on the semester or quarter system?

Please circle current year in college:

Sophomore Junior Senior Other (please specify) _____

Overall college G.P.A. _____ Journalism G.P.A. _____

Major/minor _____ Expected graduation date _____

Do you have a valid driver's license? Yes No If not, can you get one by the start of your internship? _____

Can you provide a car during your internship? Yes No

Are you a: U.S. citizen Permanent U.S. resident Other (please specify) _____

Race or ethnic origin _____

In addition to English, are you fluent in any other language(s)? Yes No Language(s) _____

Capability: Spoken Written

Parents' names _____ Parents' telephone number _____

Parents' address _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Your hometown: City _____ State _____

Previous professional journalism internships (please list all)

Company

Dates

Duties

<u>Company</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Duties</u>

Honors, awards, scholarships, etc. _____

Scholastic journalism (check any that apply)

College/university newspaper/position(s) _____

College/university TV, radio or online /position(s) _____

Other college/university publications _____

High school newspaper /position(s) _____

Three years from now I want to be _____

Area(s) of interest for the internship: (Please number in order of preference, with 1 being most preferred.)

_____ News _____ Copy edit
_____ Features _____ Graphic Design
_____ Sports _____ Photo Other _____

Do you have any disabilities that may require special accommodation on the part of the newspaper in order for you to function efficiently? Yes No If yes, please elaborate _____

If given a choice, which region of the country would you prefer to work in next summer? (Rank preference in order from 1 to 6)

_____ East _____ West _____ Southeast _____ Southwest _____ Northwest _____ Midwest

If family or other obligations impose geographic limitations, please be specific about your geographic needs. _____

The following two signatures are mandatory for this application:

I have read all of the information pertaining to the internship program and if accepted by the Chips Quinn Scholars Program, I agree to honor my commitment to complete the orientation and the 10- or 12-week internship that follows except if I become medically disabled. All of the information I have given in this application and the attached materials is correct. I also agree, if selected, that the Chips Quinn Scholars Program can use my statements and likeness in its promotional literature.

Please note: Chips Quinn interns are required to comply with personnel policies and practices at their internship sites, which may include drug testing.

Applicant's signature _____ Date _____

Department head or newspaper adviser's signature _____ Date _____

Please explain on the reverse side or on a **separate piece of paper** why you want to be a Chips Quinn Scholar. This statement (200 to 500 words) should illustrate your writing ability, discuss your views on journalism as a career and provide any additional information you think may be helpful.

