

The Northwest Journalists of Color Scholarship

For nearly 30 years, the Northwest Journalists of Color have coordinated scholarships for aspiring journalists. The NJC's members belong to the Asian American Journalists Association (AAJA), Black Journalists Association of Seattle (BJAS), National Association of Hispanic Journalists (NAHJ) and the Native American Journalists Association (NAJA). Since 1983, the NJC and AAJA have given more than \$150,000 in scholarships.

You do not need to identify as a student of color to apply for this scholarship. Strong preference will be given to applicants who demonstrate an understanding of and commitment to the importance of diverse cultural backgrounds and experiences in newsrooms.

What scholarship winners receive:

- Scholarship money to students who intend to pursue careers in journalism
- An invitation to an awards ceremony and reception in early June attended by other media professionals in the area
- A professional journalist mentor

You are eligible if you meet at least one of the following requirements:

- You are a current high school junior or senior attending school in Washington
- You are a graduating high school senior attending school in Washington and planning to attend a Washington or out-of-state four-year college, community college or vocational college in the fall
- You are a current student attending a four-year college, community college or vocational college in Washington

How to apply:

Make a copy of this Google doc by going to File > Make a copy. Fill out the application. Click "Share" in the top right corner of this document, and select "Anyone with this link can view."

E-mail a link to the Google doc and any related materials (e.g. a resume, work samples) to Anika Anand at anikaanand00@gmail.com with the subject line "NJC Application."

Provide the following information:

Name _____

Gender _____

Ethnicity _____

Age _____

Home or permanent address _____

Current school _____

Where will you attend school in 2016-2017? _____

College major, if applicable _____

Expected graduation date _____

Primary phone _____

Email address _____

Link to a personal site/portfolio (if you have one) _____

Link to resume (if you have one) _____

(If you have a PDF copy of your resume, you can e-mail it to anikaanand00@gmail.com).

How did you learn about this scholarship? _____

Essay: (500 words maximum)

Please answer the follow questions in this essay: Why do you want to pursue journalism? How will this scholarship help you attain your career goals? How will your experiences and cultural background help in advancing innovation for the profession? Why do you believe diversity is important in the journalism profession and what have you done to demonstrate a commitment to diversity? Also, please include any journalism classes, workshops or relevant training you've had.

Statement of financial need: (250 words maximum)

Explain why you are seeking aid and why you would benefit from being awarded a scholarship. This is the place to talk about anything that may impact your ability to pay for your education.

Three work samples:

Please include links to published articles, photos, videos or any type of journalistic work you've produced. If your work hasn't been published online, send attachments of your work to anikaanand00@gmail.com.

Sample 1:

Sample 2:

Sample 3:

Are you a student member of the Asian American Journalists Association? If so, please indicate if you are also interested in being considered for the Founders' Scholarship.

The Founders Scholarship covers a student registration fee for 2016 AAJA National Convention. Join more than 850 journalists, news executives, media researchers and community leaders at the 26th annual convention at Caesars Palace Las Vegas from August 10-13. AAJA is partnering with [Asian Pacific Islander American Vote \(APIAVote\)](#) to bring together journalists, news executives, media researchers, business leaders, community action groups and nonprofits at the 2016 convention, which will feature a Presidential Candidate Town Hall.

YES or NO