2022 Urban Student Journalism Academy

Monday, Aug. 15-19, 2022
at the Urban League of Greater Kansas City
1710 the Paseo Blvd.

Sponsored by The Kansas City Association of Black Journalists

KCABJ is a not-for-profit corporation registered with the Secretary of State of Missouri and affiliated with the National Association of Black Journalists.

About the Kansas City Association of Black Journalists

KCABJ was founded in 1981, and this year it celebrates its 41st anniversary as an organization of professional black journalists. This is the 33rd KCABJ Urban Student Journalism Academy. Many graduates of the program are established in the field or are pursuing careers in journalism. For more information about the academy or the Kansas City Association of Black Journalists call KCABJ Academy Coordinator Glenn E. Rice at 816-234-4341 or grice@kcstar.com.

About The Urban League of Greater Kansas City

The Urban League of Greater Kansas City has been part of the national network of Urban Leagues since 1919. Its mission is to enable African-Americans and other disadvantaged persons to secure economic self-reliance, parity, power and civil rights. The Urban League's programs provide assistance to area residents to help them gain employment and build sustainable careers. The Kansas City Association of Black Journalists is committed to working with high school and college students to prepare them for careers in print and broadcast journalism or other communications fields. This year's academy continues that tradition in the Urban League's continuing education classroom.

The 2022 KCABJ Urban Journalism Academy is free to students. It is a commuter program and is conveniently located on a bus line in the Urban League's newly remodeled high-tech classroom in the 18th & Vine Jazz Heritage District. Each student is responsible for his or her own transportation to and from the KCABJ academy each day. Class begins at 8 a.m. and ends at 3 p.m.

This academy is unique in our area because it is taught by journalists working for newspapers, television and radio stations, in public relations and new media in Greater Kansas City. Educators will add their knowledge to the instruction. Students will be:

— Assigned stories to report and write.
— They will work on computers.
— Study social media
— Benefit from lectures from major newsmakers.
— Network with influential people.
— Produce their own internet publication and radio and television newscasts. Every

student who attends the academy leaves with enhanced reading, writing, analytical, communication and questioning skills. Teachers and parents have said teenagers and young adults have returned from the summer program energized and far more interested and able to learn than before.

Students must be vaccinated.

Scholarships & Other Opportunities

Students selected for the academy will compete for scholarships offered by KCABJ. The awards go to the best students in the class. The class size will be limited to 12. Many of our graduates are award-winning journalists today.

To Apply

1. Write a one-page essay on the role people of color should have in journalism.
2. Send one sample of your writing — if possible something that has been published (e.g. an article in your school newspaper). We are seeking committed students who are not afraid of hard work and who already have a demonstrated interest in journalism.
3. Scan and email the completed application, your essay and writing sample by **June 1, 2022,** to **kcabj1981@gmail.com**.

Academy Application

Name_____

Email:_____

Male_____ Female _____ Genderqueer/non-binary _____ Prefer not to disclose _____

Birth date_____

Address_____

City_____ State/ZIP _____

Phone _____

School Name_____

Year in School _____

GPA_____

Journalism/English/Yearbook Teacher's Name:

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In which area are you most interested? Rank each 1, 2, 3 or 4 with your favorite being #1.

_____Newspaper Television _____

_____Radio Public Relations _____

List journalism and/or writing experience in courses you have taken or media companies where you've worked:_____

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On a separate sheet of paper list your career goals and why you want to attend this academy.

Student signature_____

Signature of Parent/Legal Guardian_____