Do you have a passion for journalism?

The Society of Professional Journalists San Antonio Chapter plans to award **scholarships** for the 2027-2028 academic year and YOU could be a winner.

In addition, the SPJSA Board of Directors has established the **SPJSA Journalism Future Fund** to support and fund programs primarily in South Texas that advance ethics and values of journalism, freedom of the press and preservation of the public right to know through:

- Grants for individuals and organizations that advance SPJSA Journalism Future Fund values;
- Financial support for internships and fellowships.

WHO'S ELIGIBLE FOR SCHOLARSHIPS?

You must attend a San Antonio/South Texas college/university OR have a permanent residence in the San Antonio/South Texas region, which includes San Antonio, Seguin, New Braunfels and San Marcos. If you're not sure you qualify, please contact the scholarship coordinator.

*You must be a mass communications/journalism major or have a demonstrated interest in journalism through work samples. You must enroll in college full-time (12-hour course load or more per semester) during the entire 2027-2028 academic year.

The immediate families of SPJ San Antonio members aren't eligible for consideration.

SPECIALTY – CHOOSE ONE:

___ Print journalism
___ Broadcast-Television
___ Broadcast-Radio
___Visual Arts/Multimedia-Photojournalism, Graphic Design, Website Design
(Choose at least one)

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS:

- Fill out the personal information form on the last page of this application.

- Provide a one-page resume. Include education, work history, internships, awards, other scholarships, and any journalistic or communications work. A second page with references is optional but appreciated.

- Autobiography. Limited to 500 words, please explain why you want to pursue journalism and how a scholarship will help you. Include any other activities, jobs held while in school, and/or personal experiences you think might be relevant.

- Two letters of recommendation. Letters must be printed on letterhead and be submitted from individuals who are familiar with your journalistic or academic work. Letters from family members will not be considered.

- Transcripts. Include official transcripts from each college or university you have attended unless grades from previous school(s) appear on your current transcript. Required work samples (see section below).

REQUIRED WORK SAMPLES:

Print Journalism
Two writing samples. Published work is preferred but journalism class work may be considered. Please email attachments of your work as PDFs or as web links.

Broadcast TV
Script and five-minute maximum TV news story, written or produced by the applicant. Music videos will not be considered. We prefer samples be uploaded to an online video site like YouTube or sent to us in a format we can download.

Broadcast Radio
Script and audio story, five minutes maximum, written or produced by the applicant. We prefer samples in an MP3 or similar format. Online links to work will be accepted.

Visual Arts
Two samples of photographs, graphic design, multimedia or Website design. Website links or electronic files may be provided. If online access to any of these work samples is password-protected, provide a user ID and password so judges can access the material.

DEADLINE: Applications must be submitted by March 31, 2027. Scholarship winners will be announced later this month.

SHIPPING INSTRUCTIONS: We encourage applicants to send all materials electronically to: **editor@creativestorystudio.com.** Indicate SPJSA Scholarship in the subject line. If you have materials that can't be sent electronically, please contact the scholarship committee via e-mail for alternate shipping instructions. Incomplete applications will not be considered. Applications become the property of SPJ. Questions? Contact Scholarship Committee Director Jeff Cowart at **editor@creativestorystudio.com**. Please indicate SPJSA Scholarship in the subject line.

SPJ Scholarship Personal Information Page

Please fill out and return to the SPJ scholarship committee director as an email attachment.

Full name:_____

Address (where materials and scholarship check can be sent):_____

Cellphone (include area code):_____

Home phone (include area code):_____

E-mail address:_____

Current college/university:_____

College the applicant will attend during the 2027-2028 academic year:_____

Number of college credits the applicant will complete by June 2027: _____

SPJSA JOURNALISM FUTURE FUND GRANTS

All journalists or journalism organizations, particularly in South Texas, are eligible to apply for a grant from the SPJSA Journalism Future Fund through the application form below:

SPJSA JOURNALISM FUTURE FUND GRANT APPLICATION

Please fill out and return to the SPJ scholarship committee director as an email attachment.

Full name:_____

Address (where materials and Journalism Future Fund check can be sent):_____

Cellphone (include area code):_____

Home phone (include area code):_____

E-mail address:_____

For what journalism activity or event are you seeking a grant from the SPJSA Journalism Future Fund: _____

What is the requested amount of the grant?

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