

## SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION

### Missouri Urban Journalism Workshop

**July 9-17, 2016**

A Missouri School of Journalism and Dow Jones News Fund Program

**High school students:** Here's your chance to apply for one of the nation's longest-running journalism workshops for high school students. If you are selected, you will spend nine days at the world's first school of journalism at the University of Missouri in Columbia. Workshop participants will have the unique opportunity to work as a real journalist, including hands-on training with professional journalists, and producing their own online newspaper, the *Urban Pioneer*. We recommend that you not apply to other workshops being held at the same time as we have a limited number of spaces, and if a student chooses not to come after accepting, this prevents other qualified students from participating.

If you are selected, an \$1,800 scholarship will cover your breakfasts and dinners, a dormitory room, use of equipment, labs and all instruction during the workshop. Funds come from the Dow Jones News Fund of Princeton, N.J., Missouri School of Journalism, University of Missouri, Missouri Press Association, and many other newspapers and media outlets.

Out-of-state students are asked to provide their own transportation to Missouri. Once in Missouri, we provide transportation from the airports, or the local bus station. Missouri students are asked to provide their own transportation to Columbia. You also need about \$100 for lunches. We ask that you mail a **\$25** processing fee with your application. **Check or money order should be made payable to Missouri Urban Journalism Workshop.** If you cannot afford the \$25, please contact our office and we will work with you.

We ask that you complete the application form immediately and mail no later than **April 15, 2016**. The selection committee will choose students in early May, and notifications will be made shortly thereafter so travel arrangements can be made. Please include ALL the material for which we ask. We understand that your transcript will sometimes be delayed. Send your packet, and make sure your school sends the transcript. If you have questions about the deadline or schedule, please call our office at (573) 882-6031 or email the office at [mujw@missouri.edu](mailto:mujw@missouri.edu), or Director Anna Romero at [romeroa@missouri.edu](mailto:romeroa@missouri.edu).

#### APPLICANT INFORMATION

Date You Received Forms:	Date Sent to MU:	Sex:
Name: (First)	(Middle Initial)	(Last)
Date of Birth:	SSN (last 4 digits):	Phone:
Home Address:		City:
State:	ZIP:	Student's Email:
Student's Home Phone:		Student's Cell:

#### SCHOOL INFORMATION

High School or Junior College Attending:		
School Address:		Current grade (11 <sup>th</sup> , 12 <sup>th</sup> , etc.)
City:	State:	ZIP:
School Ph.:	PSAT, SAT, OR ACT SCORE:	GPA:

College I plan to attend: \_\_\_\_\_ (Please include official copy of transcript)

All workshop participants will work on stories for our workshop newspaper, *The Urban Pioneer*. You can view the 2015 Urban Pioneer at <https://mujw2015.wordpress.com/>. This paper will be distributed online through Columbia's morning daily newspaper, *The Columbia Missourian*. **If you have an interest in photo or broadcast journalism, you must include at least THREE examples of your work in these areas.** Only students with extensive journalism writing experience will be selected to do **both** newspaper and broadcast. You may only shoot photos if you have previous experience and are able to keep up with the writing.

If you qualify, please check photo or broadcast:  **Photojournalism**  **Broadcast**

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If you are selected to do broadcast or photo, you must meet your print deadlines, as well. Working on both print and broadcast stories is part of the journalism industry today. This practice is known as **convergence** and will provide you with valuable experience before you enter college.

Please list your journalistic and/or speech activities (if any). Please enclose **at least three** current samples of your writing. The material can be either published articles from your school newspaper or graded English assignments. The samples should be digital *or* neatly affixed with glue, tape or staples to sheets of paper. Also, indicate publication and date.

**School activities and/or activities outside school (include jobs)**

**PARENT/ GUARDIAN INFORMATION**

Parents Name:

Parents  
Occupation/Employment:

Parents Phone:

Cellphone:

Parents Email:

**Parents' or guardian's permission:**

I give permission for: \_\_\_\_\_

to participate in the Missouri Urban Journalism Workshop, if selected. I have read and understand the dress code. (See the following page.) I also understand that if my child is asked to leave the workshop because of behavioral issues, unethical reasons, disruptive behavior or any other workshop rule violation, I am responsible for their transportation and workshop-related expenses.

Parent or  
Guardian Signature:

Relationship:

Date

Signature of Spouse: (only if a joint membership)

Date:

Signature of Applicant:

Date:

***Certification***

**I have not previously attended a workshop funded by the Dow Jones News Fund.**

If you are not sure whether you have attended a Dow Jones Workshop, you may call (609) 520-5927 and talk with a representative.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

### **Newsroom (Missourian and KOMU-TV) Dress Code**

- No cutoff blue jeans or short shorts; jeans must not have holes.
- No skimpy tops that expose the shoulders or midriff
- No sweatshirts, sweatpants or T-shirts
- No logos on apparel
- No baseball caps or other hats
- Comfortable walking shoes (Dress shoes may be brought in your backpack.)
- No flip-flops, shower sandals or ultra-casual sandals
- No visible tattoos or visible piercings (other than one pierced earring per ear)
- No clothes that are too tight, too skimpy or too revealing
- Jewelry that is tasteful and unobtrusive—no nose rings or other facial piercings

#### **Recommended BUSINESS CASUAL clothing includes:**

- Male students - dress slacks or khakis; a collared dress shirt; tie and sport coat, or a suit if you want; moderately professional shoes and socks.
- Female students - dress slacks or skirts; blouse or sweater; summer dress; moderately professional shoes.

We recommend all students bring one “dressy” outfit. If newsroom personnel do not like what you are wearing, they will send you to the residence hall to change. Continual violation of the dress code could result in our sending you home from the workshop.

**Please write an essay (250-500 words) on the following topic:**

**Give your opinion on how you feel diverse people (different ethnicities, people with disabilities, gays & lesbians, etc.) are portrayed in news coverage locally and at the national level. How can that coverage be improved?**

**On a *separate* page, please tell us what you expect to gain from the workshop.**

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Name:	Phone:
Address:	
City/State:	ZIP:

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- I hereby waive my right of access to this Reference Form.  
 I hereby do **not** waive my right of access to this Reference Form.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Recommendation 1:**

The following **teacher and/or school principal** agreed to recommend my selection to participate in the workshop. We encourage recommendations by journalism teachers or publications adviser or professional journalists.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

To be completed by the reference for: \_\_\_\_\_

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### Recommendation 1

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Cellphone: \_\_\_\_\_

School Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State: \_\_\_\_\_

ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

School Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Please mark rating that comes closest to your appraisal of the applicant	1 Highly Effective	2 Adequate	3 Ineffective	Additional Comments
<b>Oral ability</b> can communicate effectively				
<b>Written expression</b> communicates concisely and conveys basic information in writing				
<b>Persistence</b> sees a task through despite obstacles and frustrations				
<b>Personality</b> the perception conveyed by the applicants social and emotional conduct				
<b>Promise as a journalist</b> highly motivated to become a journalist				

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Thank you for your cooperation and effort in completing this evaluation.  
Send this form as soon as possible to the MUJW office, [muju@missouri.edu](mailto:muju@missouri.edu)

Or send a hard copy via mail to:  
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## Recommendation 2

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Title:

Home  
Phone:

Cellphone:

School Address:

City/State:

ZIP:

School Phone:

Email:

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