

# Chips Quinn Scholars Program for Diversity in Journalism

The Chips Quinn Scholars Program offers training, paid internships and cash awards to college students or recent graduates who are pursuing careers in journalism. College juniors, seniors or graduates within the past year with majors or career goals in journalism are eligible.

**Campus newspaper experience is strongly encouraged.**

The program begins with a 10-day orientation/multimedia training program (in Nashville, Tenn.) followed by a 10- or 12-week paid internship at a participating newspaper.

Nominees must be U.S. citizens or permanent U.S. residents.

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

Students nominated **must** have a car.

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

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

Address any questions to Karen Catone at 202/292-6271, or [kcatone@freedomforum.org](mailto:kcatone@freedomforum.org).

Students can apply directly 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 acceptable)
4. At least two letters of recommendation from persons who know your journalism skills.

**Recommendation letters may be sent under separate cover.** (i.e., journalism professor, campus newspaper adviser, supervisor from a previous internship or an editor for whose publication you have free-lanced)

5. Samples of your work

♦**REPORTERS:** Clear photocopies of **six** published articles on 8 ½" by 11" single-sided paper. Do not copy stories on both sides of the paper and do not reduce size of print. If stories are oversized, use 8 ½" by 14" paper or send a tearsheet. Class assignments are accepted but must be typed and double-spaced. Do not use folders or binders in submitting your package.

♦**PHOTOGRAPHERS:** Submit 10-20 photographs on a CD, with images saved as jpgs at 150dpi. Include a separate caption sheet on the cd. If not available, submit clear photocopies with caption information. Do not put images into any viewing program (i.e., quickshow, html, quicktime, etc.).

6. Essay

7. A color head-shot photo of yourself (you may also send it via e-mail to: [chipsquinnscholars@freedomforum.org](mailto:chipsquinnscholars@freedomforum.org)).

**Completed** applications should be sent to:

**Karen Catone**  
**Director/Chips Quinn Scholars Program**  
**Freedom Forum**  
**555 Pennsylvania Ave., N.W.**  
**Washington, DC 20001**

We are unable to accept faxed nominations.

2012 Program	Internship period	Application deadline
Spring	Jan. - April 2012	postmarked by Oct. 15, 2011
Summer	May - Aug. 2012	postmarked by Oct. 15, 2011

The Diversity Institute was established by the Freedom Forum as a school dedicated to recruiting, training, mentoring and retaining a diverse workforce in the newsrooms of the United States. The Diversity Institute is committed to helping media companies develop a workforce that reflects the multicultural makeup of the communities they serve.

The Freedom Forum Diversity Institute, Inc., is a Tennessee public charity corporation with offices, staff, programs and classes at the John Seigenthaler Center in Nashville, at the Al

Neuharth Media Center in Vermillion, S.D., and at the Freedom Forum headquarters and Newseum in Washington, D.C.

In partnership with Belmont University in Nashville and the University of South Dakota in Vermillion, the Diversity Institute offers undergraduate-level courses for college credit. The institute also runs three journalism internship and scholarship programs, provides mentoring and coaching to rising journalists, and host workshops, conferences and other training programs for journalism students and professionals.

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NEATLY PRINTED

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Application Form

Program you are applying for:  **SPRING** (Jan. - April 2012)  **SUMMER** (May - Aug. 2012)

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(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Parents' address(es) \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

Your hometown: City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_

Previous professional journalism internships (please list all)

**Company**

**Dates**

**Duties**

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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) \_\_\_\_\_

If selected, what do you hope to gain from **and** contribute to your internship newsroom? \_\_\_\_\_

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Three years from now I want to be \_\_\_\_\_

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

**Copy Editor**

**Graphic Design**

**Online**

**Photographer**

**Reporter**

news

business

sports news

city

features

sports

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 \_\_\_\_\_

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If given a choice, which region of the country would you prefer to work in? (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. \_\_\_\_\_

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**The two signatures requested below are mandatory** for this application:

I have read all of the information pertaining to the internship program. 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. If selected, I also agree 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 \_\_\_\_\_

On a separate sheet of paper, please explain 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.

**You may type or print out your response and attach it to this form.**

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**How did you learn about the Chips Quinn Scholars Program?**

1) An alum of the program (please identify)

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2) A trainer or staff member of the program (please identify)

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3) A journalism professor or campus newspaper adviser (please identify)

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4) At a job fair:     AAJA     NABJ     NAHJ     NAJA     CCNMA     Other

5) Other (please explain)

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