

Diversity Institute Multimedia Scholars



The Diversity Institute Multimedia Scholars Program, run during the summer in partnership with Schurz Communications, offers a free 11-day college-level course in multimedia journalism and places successful graduates in eight-week paid multimedia internships at newspapers owned by Schurz Communications.

Admission to the program is competitive. Applicants are recruited from historically black colleges and universities. Students must be licensed drivers and need to have reliable vehicles for their internships.

The multimedia course is intense. Students receive instruction at the Diversity Institute's school facility in Nashville, Tenn., and can earn 3 hours of college credit from Belmont University.

For inquiries and additional information, contact Val Hoepfner, vhoepfner@freedomforum.org and 615/727-1410, or LaVondia Majors lmajors@freedomforum.org and 615/727-1401.

The Diversity Institute was established and funded by the Freedom Forum as a school dedicated to teaching journalism skills and First Amendment values by advancing news media diversity, fairness and excellence. 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.

DIVERSITY INSTITUTE MULTIMEDIA SCHOLARS
STUDENT APPLICATION FORM

June 2012

Last name: _____ First name: _____ M.I.: _____

Gender: M F Social Security Number: _____ Birthdate: _____

Address where you can be reached before May 1, 2012:

Street address: _____ E-mail: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone: _____ Twitter username: @ _____

Facebook username or URL: _____

Website or blog URL: _____

Address where you can be reached after May 25, 2012, if different from address above:

Street address: _____ E-mail: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone: _____

Do you have a valid driver's license? Yes No Driver's license number: _____ Which state? _____

Do you have access to a reliable, legally registered and insured vehicle to use during a eight-week

paid newsroom internship? Yes No Who owns the vehicle? _____

In addition to English, are you fluent in any other language(s)? Yes No

Language(s): _____ Capability: Spoken Written

College where enrolled currently or where you attended in the past: _____

College location (city and state): _____

Two-year or four-year school: _____ College enrollment date: _____

Major/minor: _____ Overall G.P.A.: _____

Number of semesters completed: _____ Approximate number of credit hours earned: _____

College where you will enroll for the fall semester of 2012: _____

Expected graduation date: _____

Current student status (full-time, part-time, inactive or graduated): _____

High school name: _____ Year of graduation: _____

High school location (city and state): _____

Emergency contact. Person to be contacted in case of an emergency, illness, injury, etc. during the institute:

Name: _____

Street address: _____ E-mail: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone: _____ Relationship (relative, friend, etc.): _____

Contact information for two references who will supply letters of recommendation (should not be relatives):

Name: _____

Street address: _____ E-mail: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone: _____ Title: _____

Name: _____

Street address: _____ E-mail: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone: _____ Title: _____

Previous professional journalism internships (company, dates and duties — please list all):

Honors, awards, scholarships, etc.: _____

Scholastic journalism (check any that apply):

- College/university newspaper & position(s): _____
- College/university TV, radio, online or other media position(s): _____
- Other college/university publications: _____
- High school newspaper or other media position(s): _____

Please list any recent extracurricular and community activities: _____

How did you learn about Diversity Institute Multimedia Scholars? _____

If selected, what do you hope to gain from and contribute to Diversity Institute Multimedia Scholars?

Three years from now I want to be: _____

Area(s) of interest for the internship:

- Copy Editor:** news sports news **Graphic Design** **Online** **Photographer**
- Reporter:** business 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:

Students must send their resume, two letters of recommendation, a copy of their college transcript and six work samples (published stories, photographs or multimedia) to **Multimedia Scholars, 1207 18th Avenue South, Nashville, TN 37212** to complete the application process. Printed stories, photocopied materials, CDs, DVDs and emailed links will be accepted.

On a separate sheet of paper, please explain why you want to be a Multimedia 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.**

I agree that, to the best of my knowledge, the information given on this application is true, and that I meet the eligibility requirements for Diversity Institute Multimedia Scholars. My signature is mandatory for this application to be valid.

Student's signature: _____ Date: _____

Submit no later than **March 9, 2012** to: Val Hoepfner, John Seigenthaler Center, 1207 18th Avenue South, Nashville, TN 37212. E-mail vhoepfner@freedomforum.org. Fax 615/727-1429. Questions? Call 615/727-1410.