



CHAPTER INTERNSHIPS

AAJA-MN/MN Newspaper Guild print internship

A print internship, co-sponsored by the Minnesota Newspaper Guild, at either the Star Tribune or Pioneer Press and a \$1,000 stipend. The host newspaper will decide the time period. 15-20 hours per week for 7-8 weeks. A \$5 voluntary Guild membership fee is suggested.

AAJA-MN TV or radio internship

An internship at a local television station and a \$1,000 stipend. Student must earn college credit for the internship, which is 15-20 hours per week for 8-10 weeks.

ELIGIBILITY

Applicant must be an AAJA (Minnesota chapter) student member, or register to become a member before beginning internship. Applicants must be an undergraduate or graduate student enrolled full time with at least 12 credit units each semester (excluding summer). Applicants must be currently taking or planning to take journalism courses and/or are pursuing journalism as a career. Graduating seniors must begin their internships within three months of commencement.

SELECTION CRITERIA

Candidates will be selected on the basis of academic achievement, demonstrated journalistic ability, commitment to the field of journalism and sensitivity to Asian American and Pacific Islander issues, as demonstrated by community involvement.

HOW TO APPLY

Submit one (1) copy of each of the following items.

- 1) Completed application form
- 2) Resume
- 3) A letter of recommendation: This can be from a former editor or from a journalism professor.
- 4) Short essay: The essay should not exceed 500 words, must be typed and double-spaced. Describe any involvement or interest you have in the Asian American community. If you were awarded an AAJA scholarship or internship, propose how you would contribute to the field of journalism or media issues involving the Asian American and Pacific Islander community.
- 5) Work samples: We will not be able to return any work samples. *Print applicants:* Send up to four articles photocopied onto 8.5"x 11" paper. Journalism school assignments are acceptable, but we prefer published clips. *Photojournalism applicants:* Please submit a portfolio containing no more than 10 entries. A picture story is considered one entry. Published and unpublished photographs will be considered. Entries may be black and white, color prints, clippings, CDs or URLs. Complete caption information must be included along with the images. *Broadcast applicants:* Two writing or script samples.
- 6) Mail or drop off completed, signed application plus materials in one envelope to:

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480 Cedar St.
St. Paul, MN 55101

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Name

Mailing address

City

State

ZIP code

Telephone

Email

Date of birth

School

Current year in school

Expected date of graduation

Major

Current or intended area of focus:

- Print
- Broadcast
- Online
- Photojournalism

Coverage preference:

- News
- Feature
- Business
- Sports
- Online/Visual

VERIFICATION

I affirm that the information included with my application is true and accurate in all respects, and that I intend to pursue a career in journalism. I understand that the award of funds is contingent upon my enrollment in the accredited institution listed on my application, and that the funds, if awarded, will be used toward the cost of my education.

I acknowledge that, as a condition of receiving any funds, I will dedicate my volunteer time to a minimum of **one (1)** AAJA-MN event. I will return the full amount of the internship stipend if I fail to do so. I must also return the full amount of the stipend if I fail to complete my internship.

By signing this application, I agree to the terms listed herein. Failure to follow the terms will render me ineligible for future local chapter grants or internships.

I acknowledge that this is a binding contract and that I must return the grant stipend in full if I fail to honor this agreement.

Signature

Date