

University of St. Thomas

Department of Communication and Journalism

Scholarship Application Directions

DEADLINE: Monday, March 2, 2009

Scholarships are intended only for current and incoming Department of Communication and Journalism majors at the University of St. Thomas.

How to Apply for a Scholarship

1. Fill out the attached application completely.

2. Write a 400-word essay (approximately two typed pages). Use additional sheet if necessary.

Our nation's founders believed that democratic decisions result from participating in rational inquiry and debate over ideas expressed in free speech and a free press. Communication today still includes speech, books, magazines and newspapers, but television, radio and new media have created alternative ways to gather information.

Your essay topic is "What is the ideal mixture of communication media that today's college student must tap to stay informed? Why?" Feel free to discuss multiple forms of communication for your essay (e.g., interpersonal, journalism, advertising, public relations, radio, television, the Web, blogs, etc.).

The essay is heavily weighted in evaluating applications. So put effort into your research, thinking, writing and editing. The essay will be judged on the strength of your argument, cohesiveness, spelling, grammar and punctuation. You are seeking a degree in a discipline that places strong emphasis on skilled writing. Your skills should be evident in your essay.

3. Acquire one letter of recommendation.

This letter must be from a teacher who is not a member of the University of St. Thomas Communication and Journalism faculty. The letter should speak about your academic abilities and what makes you stand out from other scholarship candidates.

4. Submit a copy of your most recent transcript (available from Murphy Online for UST students).

5. Applicants for the John F. Vachon Scholarship must submit a portfolio of their photographic work that demonstrates promise and direction toward a photojournalism career.

6. Submit all materials together by March 2, 2009.

The Department of Communication and Journalism must receive applications by 4:00 p.m. on Monday, March 2, 2009. Scholarship materials may be dropped off at the Journalism Office in Room 466 of the O'Shaughnessy Education Center. If you are mailing the application, it must be received no later than Monday, March 2.

Mailing address

Department of Communication and Journalism (#5013)
Scholarships
2115 Summit Avenue
University of St. Thomas
St. Paul, Minnesota 55105-1096

For more information call: 651-962-5250

A panel of faculty members will review all scholarship materials and notify award recipients by May 2.

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Indicate the scholarship(s) for which you are applying:

Father James Whalen Donald & Arlene Leyden John Vachon Photography (Include portfolio)

Provide all the following information:

Name _____ Student I.D. # _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ UST Mail # _____

Phone _____ e-mail _____ Graduation Semester/Year _____

Major _____ Second Major _____ Minor _____ Second Minor _____

Year in School _____ Cumulative GPA _____ COMM/JOUR GPA ____/____ COMM/JOUR Credits ____/____

Career Goals _____

Honors	Dates
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

Employment	Dates
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

Organizations and Offices Held

Dates

Community Service

Dates

Other extra-curricular activities (community, social, athletic, etc.)

Dates

If you do not want UST to publish your name in conjunction with the scholarship program, please check here.

Signature

Date

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