



Oct. 28, 2009

Dear Advisor:

The San Diego Association of Black Journalists (SDABJ) is proud to offer our annual SDABJ Journalism Scholarship Program to assist San Diego area high school and college students who are interested in journalism to advance their education.

SDABJ will offer several \$1,000 scholarships to area high school students. Another scholarship, the Ozzie Roberts scholarship, will be offered to a college student who shows promise in journalism. Applicants must be U. S. citizens with financial need, who attend or plan to attend universities or colleges and major in print or broadcast journalism, English or Mass Communications. The scholarship will be nonrenewable.

The application requires that candidates indicate how the students plan to ensure that the African-American community's voice be heard in the mainstream media. Applicants must receive two letters of recommendation from a school administrator, counselor or teacher, community organization or church. If the applicant is less than 18 years of age, a parent or guardian **must** sign the application. This will indicate that they approve the release of the student's name or photo for promotion of the SDABJ Journalism Scholarship program.

**Completed applications must be received no later than March 26, 2010.** The finalists will be contacted and interviewed by our scholarship panel. Our intent is to announce the winners no later than **April 9**. Finalists will be contacted with a date and time to be interviewed by our scholarship panel.

The San Diego Association of Black Journalists is one of the newer chapters of the National Association of Black Journalists (NABJ). NABJ is an organization of journalists, students and communications professionals that provides quality programs and services to and advocates on behalf of black journalists worldwide. NABJ is the largest organization of journalists of color in the world. In 2003, SDABJ was honored with the NABJ Salute of Excellence, "Chapter of the Year" award.

If you or any of your staff members have questions or comments, please contact me directly at (619) 549-9438 or by e-mail me at [Jerry.McCormick@nbcuni.com](mailto:Jerry.McCormick@nbcuni.com)

Sincerely,

Jerry McCormick  
SDABJ scholarship chair

Encl: Application Form, Checklist

## SDABJ 2010 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS -

The San Diego Association of Black Journalists Scholarship Program offers several \$1,000 to high school students. A \$1,500 Ozzie Roberts Scholarship will be issued to a college student shows promise in journalism. Scholarship funds will be distributed to colleges and universities where they can be used for books and tuition. Students will not receive cash. Proof of enrollment will be required. **Applications must be postmarked no later than March 26, 2010.** Partial or incomplete submittals will not be reviewed. Successful applicants will be contacted soon after.

Seniors attending San Diego area high schools planning to major in online, print or broadcast journalism. English or Mass Communications are also eligible to apply. Additionally, applicants must be U.S. citizens and show financial need. Applicants must be planning to attend, or already be accepted to a university or college. Applicants must be able to detail in writing how they plan to make sure the African-American voice is heard in the mainstream media. The checklist is as follows:

1. **Application Form** - Complete and sign the attached application forms. All sections must be completed. If a block or section does not apply write "N/A".
2. **Transcript** - Attach a copy of your high school transcript. The transcript should be current as of your previous semester.
3. **Biographical Sketch** – Prepare and sign a brief biographical sketch of yourself that explains your reason for requesting financial assistance. It must be double-spaced and must not exceed 200 words.
4. **Essay** – Prepare and sign a brief essay that discusses how you plan to bridge the gap between the African- American community and the media. It should be double-spaced and must not exceed 300 words.
5. **Work Examples** (optional) – Students may send examples of their work with high school newspapers and or TV programs. The work will **not** be returned.

Send an original of items 1-5 to: San Diego Association of Black Journalists  
Attn: Scholarship Committee  
P.O. Box 880815  
San Diego, CA 92168

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Questions may be addressed to Jerry McCormick at (619) 549-9438 or  
Jerry.McCormick@uniontrib.com

**SAN DIEGO ASSOCIATION OF BLACK JOURNALISTS  
SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM**

PLEASE COMPLETE ALL SECTIONS:

1. Student's	Name		
	Male		
	Female		

	Last	First	M i d d l e
	Age		

2 . Address		Phone ( )
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Current Street A d d r e s s C i t y Z i p Email Address				
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**3. EDUCATIONAL HISTORY**

Years Attended

From To

Name of Current High School		
Expected Date of Graduation		

4. Name and address of college you plan to attend

5. What major will you pursue?


6. What school subjects are of most interest to you?


7. List your role in school activities and / or athletics. (Examples - History Club, secretary; Baseball Team, co-captain; Student Council, member)


8. In order of preference, list your hobbies or special interests not mentioned above. (Example - Reading, Soccer, Church Functions, Computers)			
9. List the name and dollar amount of any other scholarships or grants that you have applied for, expect to receive or have received.			
10. List any types of awards or recognition that you have received. (Example - Lions Club Community Volunteer Award, Scholastic Awards, Athletic Awards, Citizenship Awards, etc.)			
11. In which community activities or organizations did you participate? (Example - MLK Parade Float Worker, Environmental Cleanups, March of Dimes Participant, etc.)			
12. List the names and addresses of where you have worked full or part-time.			

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Name of Applicant  
Date

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Signature of Applicant

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Signature of Parent/Guardian  
Date

Note: Before mailing, paperclip your school transcript, biographical sketch and essay to this form. Do not staple.