



## **The Philadelphia Sports Writers Association Foundation (PSWAF) Award for Excellence in (Broadcast) Journalism**

Philadelphia-region college and university students are invited to apply for the Philadelphia Sports Writers Association Foundation Award for Excellence in (Broadcast) Journalism for aspiring sports journalists or broadcasters. The purpose of the award(s) is/are to recognize undergraduate students who demonstrate an understanding and commitment to achieving excellence as a future sports journalist.

**Deadline: Friday April 7th 11:59 EST**

### **Award: \$1,000**

This award will be payable to the winner's university for use on his or her behalf, and can only be used to directly fund the winner's educational pursuits.

### **Eligibility**

All Philadelphia-region college and university (**sophomore** and **junior**) students or Delaware Valley residents attending an accredited college or university outside of the Philadelphia-region who meet PSWAF's scholarship criteria are welcome to apply.

### **Applications**

To apply, send the following materials to PSWA Foundation:

- The application form (Word or PDF), **SIGNED** by candidate **AND** a Faculty Adviser.
- An official transcript.
- Letter (one-page) of recommendation from a faculty member or professional adviser.
- An essay of 1,000 words or fewer that describes:
  - The definition of excellence in your chosen profession and how you plan to achieve it in your future career.
  - The ethical and work standards that are required of journalism professionals and how you plan to excel in these areas.
  - A list of leadership qualities you believe are most important in public relations, and why.
- Be certain to include work experience or Internship related to your major, any academic awards or honors you have received or any school- or community-volunteer efforts in which you have been involved (THIS IS IMPORTANT):

Make sure all materials are error free and thoroughly proofread. All application materials must be received at PRSAF Headquarters (PSWAScholarship@gmail.com) by **Friday April 7th at 11:59 P.M.** Incomplete or late applications will not be considered

**Criteria**

- Be a full-time student in your sophomore or junior year of college in a Philadelphia-region college or university or be a Delaware Valley resident attending an accredited college or university not in the Philadelphia-region.
- Be a Communication-related major.
- Have at least a 3.3 overall grade point average on a 4.0 scale.

The PSWA Foundation is an independent, 501 (c) (3) committed to promoting diversity among journalism professionals and companies so they can best serve the public good and address the needs of a diverse world. The PSWA Foundation was chartered by the Internal Revenue Service as a *public charity*. The PSWA Foundation supports programs that attract, assist and prepare young adults to enter the journalism profession, and works with employers and industry organizations to create workplace-based inclusion efforts to welcome, support and retain a diverse workforce.

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Application Form (please type)**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ College \_\_\_\_\_

Current Address \_\_\_\_\_

Permanent Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Current Class Status (e.g., 2nd semester Sophomore) \_\_\_\_\_

Major with Concentration \_\_\_\_\_

Overall GPA \_\_\_\_\_ Major GPA \_\_\_\_\_ Minor GPA \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Faculty Member/Adviser's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_