

To: High School Journalism Teachers and Publication Advisers

Re: Lester G. Benz Memorial Scholarship for College Journalism Study

You are invited to apply before April 15 for the Lester G. Benz Memorial for Journalism Study.

The scholarship is intended to pay a maximum of \$500 for actual tuition, room, board and transportation costs.

Who is eligible?

All high school journalism teachers and newspaper and yearbook advisers who have had at least six semester hours of journalism courses; a minimum of four years teaching experience and advising school publications; currently teaching a journalistic writing class; and a definite commitment to return to the high school classroom and publication advising next year to apply the information gained in the course work taken as a result of this scholarship.

The scholarship program's objective is to identify and reward experienced journalism teachers and publication advisers (as defined above) who seek the opportunity to upgrade their journalism skills, teaching methodologies and advising techniques.

What is required?

In addition to the application form, each applicant is required to submit two letters of recommendation that will attest to their journalism skills, publication advising, quality of the journalistic writing course(s) that the applicant teaches; and the quality of the publication(s) the applicant advises. The letters of recommendation should come from any of the following sources:

- Superintendent
- Principal
- Vice Principal
- Department Chairperson
- Regional or state scholastic press association director
- Scholastic journalism workshop director
- A faculty member of the School of Journalism or Dept. of Journalism from whom the applicant has taken a journalism course recently (2-4 years)

Letters of recommendation may be placed in sealed envelopes, but must accompany the journalism teacher/publication adviser's application forms.

It is the intent to select a journalism teacher/publication adviser who plans to take course work that is definitely beyond the introductory level. Descriptions of courses or workshops should be submitted with the application to help inform the selection committee about the plan of the study.

The application deadline is April 15.

Lester G. Benz Memorial Scholarship

QUILL AND SCROLL SOCIETY
School of Journalism and Mass Communication
The University of Iowa
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Iowa City, Iowa 52242

- Application for high school journalism teachers and publication advisers for college journalism study -

Name: _____
First Middle Last

Home Address: _____
Street City State Zip

E-mail Address: _____

School Name: _____

School Address: _____
Street City State Zip

Last college degree completed: _____ Doctorate _____ Master's _____ Bachelor's

Approximately, what was your college undergraduate grade point average? _____ out of possible _____

Identify your major subjects in undergraduate and graduate school (Indicate "U" for undergraduate and "G" for graduate):

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|-------------------------------------|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Journalism | <input type="checkbox"/> Education |
| <input type="checkbox"/> English | <input type="checkbox"/> Political Science |
| <input type="checkbox"/> History | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Psychology | |

Check any of the following courses or equivalents you have taken in college and graduate school.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> News Reporting | <input type="checkbox"/> Mass Media in Society |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Copyediting | <input type="checkbox"/> Advertising (any course) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Law of the Press | <input type="checkbox"/> Public Relations (any course) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Photography | <input type="checkbox"/> Graphics and/or Typography |

Check any of the following non-journalism courses or equivalents you have taken in college and graduate school.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Non-fiction Writing | <input type="checkbox"/> Expository Writing |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Advanced Grammar | <input type="checkbox"/> Creative Writing |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Writing Poetry | <input type="checkbox"/> Writing about Contemporary Affairs |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Freelance Writing | <input type="checkbox"/> Freshman Level Grammar |

Have you ever attended a course or journalism workshop, seminar, or institute on newspaper or yearbook advising and/or journalism teaching that lasted a week or more? Yes No

If yes, when? _____ Where? _____

How many years have you been teaching journalism and advising student publications?

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|--|--|
| Teaching Journalism | Advising student publications |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 0-3years | <input type="checkbox"/> 0-3years |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 4-6years | <input type="checkbox"/> 4-6years |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 7 or more years | <input type="checkbox"/> 7 or more years |

Do you teach separate structured journalism course for at least one semester that students in your school can take for academic credit?
 Yes No

If you do not teach a structured journalism course, do you plan to introduce one into the school curriculum for the next school year?
 Yes No

Do you now advise the school newspaper or newsmagazine? Yes No

If you do not advise the school newspaper or newsmagazine, will you be assigned the duty next year? Yes No

Do you now advise the school yearbook? Yes No

If you do not advise the school yearbook, will you be assigned the duty next year? Yes No

Do you plan to teach or advise student publications next year? If not, why?

In what other organized journalism outlets supervised or organized by you, do your journalism students participate?

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|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Teen page in local paper
(<i>other than school newspaper</i>) | <input type="checkbox"/> Literary magazine |
| <input type="checkbox"/> School news bureau | <input type="checkbox"/> Broadcast station |
| <input type="checkbox"/> City-wide news bureau | <input type="checkbox"/> Educational TV |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Yearbook |

How frequently:

- | | |
|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Weekly (30-36 issues) | <input type="checkbox"/> Monthly (8-11 issues) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bi-weekly (18-29 issues) | <input type="checkbox"/> Bi-monthly (1-7 issues) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Tri-weekly (12-17 issues) | <input type="checkbox"/> Do not have school newspaper |

Did any of the publications you advise win local, state, regional and national awards during the school year? Please explain:

Did any of the students who work on publications you advise win local, state and national awards during the school year? Please explain:

Have you won any personal awards or publication recognition for your achievements as a journalism teacher or publications adviser during the school year? Yes No What was this recognition?

In 250-300 words on a separate page, identify your rationale for applying for this scholarship. Specifically, how do you envision this scholarship opportunity improving scholastic journalism in your school curriculum?

(Mail completed application and recommendation by First Class mail and postmarked by April 15 to be eligible for consideration.)

Mail to:

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