

Minorities Journalism Workshop at Monmouth University

July 12-24, 2009

# APPLICATION

## I. Personal Data (Please print very clearly!)

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Social Security # \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Birthdate \_\_\_\_\_ Sex \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (    ) \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

County in NJ \_\_\_\_\_

Parents' Names \_\_\_\_\_

Race/Ethnicity (please check one):

African-American \_\_\_\_\_ Asian/Pacific Islander \_\_\_\_\_ Hispanic \_\_\_\_\_

African/Caribbean \_\_\_\_\_ Native American \_\_\_\_\_ Caucasian \_\_\_\_\_

Other (explain) \_\_\_\_\_

Hometown Newspapers (all that you know of)

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High School

\_\_\_\_\_

Street Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_

State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Expected Graduation Date \_\_\_\_\_

Grade Point Average \_\_\_\_\_

Where I heard about this program: \_\_\_\_\_

Please list any awards, honors, school or community activities, employment, and/or journalistic activities:

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Are you interested in pursuing a career in journalism? Explain:

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Do you have skill in photography? \_\_\_\_\_ If so, please explain and send a few examples of your work.

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Please list computer applications/programs you use regularly (especially Quark, Photoshop, Internet page design):

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## II. Required Essays

Essay 1: Tell us all about yourself: Let a 300-word typed, double-spaced autobiography reflect your personality and creativity. What is important to you in your life? What have you accomplished so far? What do you hope to do in the future? Why is journalism important to you?

Essay 2: The ultimate goal of this workshop is to help the newspaper industry increase the number of minorities working as reporters and editors and to help assure diversity in newspaper content. Do you think that's important? Why? What would you hope to gain from attending the workshop and what do you think you have to offer if you attend?

## III. Other Writing Samples

Please attach to this application two (2) other samples of your writing. If possible, include clippings from your school newspaper, yearbook, or other publications. If you are writing a sample for this application, choose a topic that is currently in the news and explain how it relates to young people today.

## IV. Required Recommendations

Two letters of recommendation are required. Please ask two people who know you well - high school teachers, newspaper advisers, etc. -- for a letter of recommendation that describes your qualifications for this workshop. Each letter must include the person's name, title, home address and phone number.

## V. Photo

Enclose a recent portrait photo (yearbook or wallet size) with plain background only.

## VI. Signatures

Applicant: I hereby verify that the information provided above is correct and accurate to the best of my knowledge, and that the writing is my own work. I also certify that I have not previously attended any other Dow Jones funded journalism workshop.

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(applicant signature)

(date)

## Parent or Guardian:

I hereby give my permission for the applicant to attend the Hugh N. Boyd Minorities Journalism Workshop at Monmouth University, West Long Branch, NJ, from July 12-24, 2009, including supervised field trips off campus. I understand that if the applicant is selected, expenses including tuition, room and board, and travel will be paid by the program's sponsors. Travel expenses to and from home are the responsibility of the participant.

NOTE: Participants who accept this award are expected to attend the entire program and not leave early.

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(parent or guardian signature)

(date)

#### VII. Deadline

Completed applications must be sent in hard copy only and must be received by May 15, 2009. Please check to see that your packet is complete and send the packet with all materials to:

Hugh N. Boyd Journalism Diversity Workshop  
c/o Robert Williams  
P.O. Box 6284  
Lawrenceville, NJ 08648

For more information, visit us on the Web at: [www.journalismdiversity.org](http://www.journalismdiversity.org)