This could be you!

...with a paid summer internship

2027 NJPF Summer Internship Program

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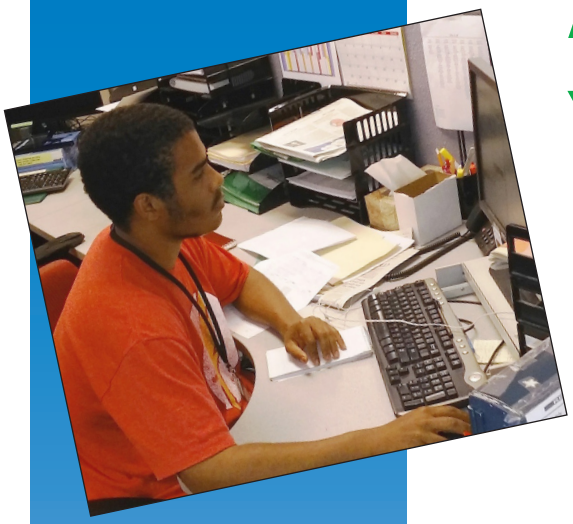
NEW JERSEY PRESS FOUNDATION

APPLICATION

- Open to freshmen, sophomores and juniors who are a resident of New Jersey attending college inside or outside the state or a resident of another state attending college in New Jersey.
- Internship Opportunities:

  With a designated media company during the summer of 2027.
- Internship with the New Jersey Press Foundation during the summer of 2027 (remote).
- Minimum salary of $5,000 (before taxes) for eight weeks.
- Deadline: Applications must be emailed no later than February 26, 2027



A Program for Your Professional Future

Winners of New Jersey Press Foundation Summer Internships will work in the newspaper/digital newsrooms of media organizations in New Jersey. This is an eight-week paid internship for the summer of 2027.

NEW:

Winner of the NJ Press Foundation internship would be a remote 8-week paid internship for the summer of 2027.

Among the approximately 10 internships awarded annually, several are specially named:

Mac Borg Internships, John O'Brien Internship, Calkins Foundation Internship and the Lloyd P. Burns Internship

Unique Opportunity

Students pursuing journalism careers already know that they will have to combine text with audio, video and images to best tell their stories. Along the way, they must help answer a perplexing question: What is the role of a journalist now, when anyone can report and publish?

The NJPF Summer Internship Program is designed to further the education of students interested in facing these challenges head-on.

Take advantage of this chance to supplement your traditional academic experience. These internships teach you about media fields that interest you and provide excellent hands-on experience. Plus they are great résumé-builders. Today's media job market is highly competitive; employers are seeking candidates who possess the most experience and relevant skills in their fields.

NEW THIS YEAR - Be an intern for the New Jersey Press Foundation to help improve communications and also aid in procuring new grants/funding sources to help fullfill its mission.

Quality Experience

NJPF believes that the quality of the internship depends on the company's commitment to help prepare students for careers in new media.

Every media company assigned one of our interns has set as a priority the importance of teaching students how to become outstanding members of the media community.

However, specific job responsibilities differ from one company to another. Here are some of the areas you may be involved with during your internship:

- Traditional reporting, including covering local news events
- Updating websites, blogs and publications
- Assisting with development of interactive multimedia projects
- Producing video to support editorial and advertising
- Searching the web for relevant, quality content
- Blogging or new media outreach
- Engaging audiences through social media
- Conducting topical research or analysis
- Gathering and maintaining contact lists
- Integrating new media technologies into your company's communications strategy
- Supporting staff as needed

NEW THIS YEAR:

The New Jersey Press Foundation summer intern position is a newly created position that would be a remote position, working primarily with our Executive Director of NJPA as well as communicating with existing Board members to accomplish the following objectives:

- Create an outreach program aimed at strengthening our communication with Press Association members and their audiences; for example, launch a newsletter
- Work with Board of Trustees and possibly external sources to update current website
- Prepare and submit Grant applications to help fund the New Jersey Press Foundation mission
- Create and implement an outreach fundraising program to potential private donors

What You Need to Know Before You Apply

Assignment

Your paid internship will last eight weeks.

On the application form (Pages 6 & 7 of this flier) you are asked to list three media companies at which you would prefer to serve your internship (a list of New Jersey Press Association's members are posted on the NJPA website, www.njpa.org). However, you may choose any media outlet that qualifies and adhears to the journlaism standards as those media organizations that our members of NJPA. Please choose 1 daily newspaper and 2 weekly newspaper choices. Or select an internship with the New Jersey Press Foundation. Please note: While NJPF cannot guarantee you will work at a media location of your choice, every effort will be made to respect your preferences and locate an internship near your home or other preferred location in New Jersey. The selection committee will make the final decision on where your internship will be located.

All internships are subject to approval by the media company's publisher, general manager and/or editor. Assignments will be made in April.

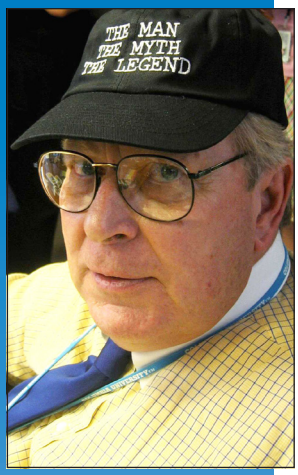
Salary

The 8- week internship salary you will receive through this program is a minimum of $5,000 (before taxes).

Eligibility

To receive an internship, you must be:

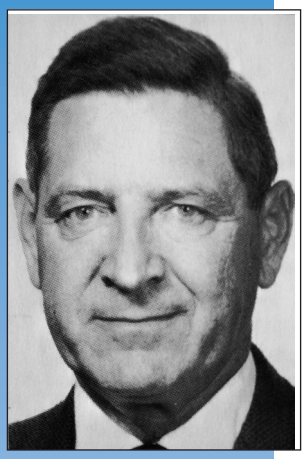
- A U.S. citizen or permanent resident (green card).
- A resident of New Jersey attending college inside or outside the state or a resident of another state attending college in New Jersey.
- Enrolled as a full-time college freshman, sophomore or junior and planning to return to undergraduate school in the coming fall of 2027.
- Must have a valid driver's license and your own vehicle to get to and from your assignments.



Mac Borg

Malcolm A. Borg was chairman of North Jersey Media Group (NJMG), which was owned and operated by his family for four generations. Those publications included The Record (Bergen County) and Herald News (Passaic County and more than 20 community papers, all of which are now owned by Gannett.

Mr. Borg served on the New Jersey Press Foundation board of trustees from 1984 to 2005. He served as president of New Jersey Press Association in 1989-90 and is a former member of its board of directors.

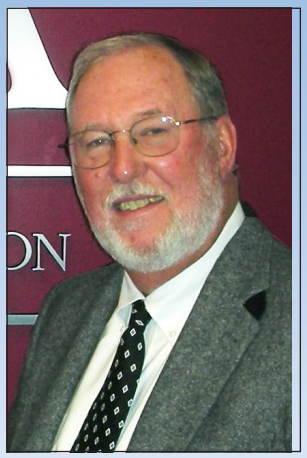


Lloyd P. Burns

For more than a quarter century, from 1950 to 1976, Lloyd P. Burns served as general manager of New Jersey Press Association, the organization founded in 1857 to represent the state's daily and weekly newspapers.

He began his newspaper career in 1937 on the advertising staff of the Daily Home News, New Brunswick. Thirteen years later, he joined NJPA and successfully led the organization's growth and development for almost 26 years before passing away suddenly in 1976 at the age of 60.

An energetic professional mentor and a spirited champion of open government, his stewardship of NJPA was described in testimonials as being "intelligent, sensitive and progressive" and "inspiring for the newspapers of this state." Mr. Burns also was instrumental in creating New Jersey Press Foundation, the charitable arm of NJPA, which is dedicated to assisting the state's student journalists through internships and scholarships.



John J. O'Brien

John J. O'Brien dedicated all of his illustrious 51-year career to New Jersey newspapers. For most of the first 25 years, he served New Jersey Press Association in multiple ways as a dedicated volunteer committee member, chair, and board member for NJPA while working at various member newspapers.

In 1991 he was named NJPA's executive director and for the next 20 years successfully led the organization and its professional staff while serving as chief lobbyist advocating for the free press and the public's right to know.

As executive director he was also instrumental inaugurating the NJ Newspaper Network, which has become a vital statewide advertising sales and placement service.

He also transformed the scope and operations of the NJ Press Foundation, expanding its staff and leading one of the top state press foundations in the country.

After stepping down from NJPA in 2010, he continued serving as trustee of the NJ Press Foundation.

Calkins
Foundation

The Calkins Foundation is a private foundation located in Horsham, PA.

It primarily funds initiatives aimed at strengthening local communities, with a special emphasis on supporting community journalism. The Calkins Foundation has also supported students facing hardships, the distribution of meals to children, seniors, and families in need, and local libraries. . In addition to United Way of Bucks County, other organizations we have supported are the Pennsylvania Newspaper Association Foundation and The Food Bank of South Jersey.

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Application deadline — January 12, 2026]

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Name_____ Student ID number (optional) _____

College or University _____

Personal College Address_____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Cell Phone_____ Preferred E-mail _____

Home Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home Phone_____

PREFERRED SITE OF INTERNSHIP

List one daily and two weekly news media companies where you would prefer to serve your internship.
For a list of NJPA-members, go to www.njpa.org and click "NJPA Members" or choose a news media company that qualifies. Before you select your three choices, we urge you to read "What You Need to Know Before You Apply " on page 3.

1. Daily: _____ 2. Weekly:_____ 3. Weekly: _____

4. NJ Press Foundation:_____

ACADEMIC INFORMATION

I am currently a ___ freshman ___ sophomore ___ junior

Month/year of my graduation (expected)_____

Date I am available to start an internship is _____

Declared or expected degree and major (please explain as appropriate): _____

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JOURNALISM EXPERIENCE

I ___have ___never have worked full-time (35 hours a week) for more than three months for a news media company.
If you have, list the name of the company and your dates of employment.

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High school newspaper/new media experience (attach additional sheets, as necessary)

Staff positions held_____ Honors received_____

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JOURNALISM EXPERIENCE continued from previous page

College newspaper/new media experience (attach additional sheets, as necessary)

Staff positions held_____ Honors received_____

_____ _____

Other media experience (attach additional sheets, as necessary)

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Staff positions held_____ Honors received_____

_____ _____

STATEMENT AND PERMISSION

I have read all of the information about the New Jersey Press Foundation Internship Program. If accepted into the program, I agree to complete the eight-week internship assigned to me unless I become medically disabled. All of the information I have given on this application and the accompanying materials is true. If selected, I will provide NJPF with my college student ID number.

I agree that the New Jersey Press Foundation may use my statements and likeness in its promotional literature, both in print and on the Internet. The Foundation has my permission to distribute this application form and all of its parts and attachments to newspapers and other media outlets.

Signed_____ Date _____

CHECKLIST TO SUBMIT A COMPLETE APPLICATION

Please save a copy of every part of the application you email to New Jersey Press Foundation. Carefully gather and check off the information below. Attach all parts of the application to the email before sending.

___ Autobiographical sketch (500 words or less) describing your journalistic skills and interests that NJPF could forward to a media recruiter looking for a summer intern. This "essay" must contain a statement of your interest in a media career.

___ Your résumé.

___ Transcript or list of your academic course grades received from all colleges or universities you have attended, including courses taken in the fall term of 2026. Freshmen, submit a high school transcript and a list of college courses currently taking. Unofficial transcripts or typed lists of courses and grades are OK; students who are selected as interns will be required to send official transcripts.

___ A letter of recommendation written by faculty member (college or high school), college newspaper/media adviser, professional newspaper editor, reporter, or other who has evaluated/critiqued your work that appeared in any form of media, print or digital (but not another student or family member). The person who writes this letter should focus their observation on your writing and/or editing skills.

___ Three samples of your work.

___ Statement of special financial or family circumstances, if appropriate.

PLEASE EMAIL ALL DOCUMENTS TO: parbitell@njpa.org

Email application no later than February 26, 2027. Attach the above documents to email before sending.

Questions?
Call Peggy at 609-406-0600, opt 2, or email at parbitell@njpa.org.