



## Journalism Scholarship

The interdisciplinary major in Journalism at Muskingum is designed for students interested in a career in convergent (combining print and electronic) media. The program is designed to provide hands-on skills and experience while also helping the student develop an understanding of the context in which events occur. The Journalism Scholarship is a merit-based financial award for qualified students who wish to take advantage of these opportunities.

Journalism Scholarships range from **\$500 to \$2,500** per year, with the larger awards going to students who demonstrate ability, intend to major in Journalism, and show a higher level of activity and leadership in the field. Smaller awards are available for students who are not majors, but who wish to participate in on-campus journalism co-curricular activities-such as radio, television, photography, and/or news reporting. Scholarships are renewable annually, subject to the eligibility requirements listed below. Financial need is not a requirement, although the Journalism Scholarship is factored into the financial aid package for students demonstrating financial need.

### **To be considered for an entry level Journalism scholarship (\$500), students must:**

1. Be admitted to Muskingum University as a full-time entering student.
2. Submit the online application form and other materials no later than **March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2023**. The online application can be found at: <https://www.muskingum.edu/financial-aid/comm-scholarships>

### **To be considered for a higher-level scholarship (up to \$2500) students must complete the above and additionally:**

1. Present a portfolio of news clips, articles, and/or digital files demonstrating media experience for review by the Muskingum University Journalism faculty. If you do not have prior published or broadcast samples, you are still encouraged to apply. Essays demonstrating your Journalism interest(s) in 300-500 words are encouraged.
2. Complete the above by **March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2023**.

### **To maintain eligibility, a Journalism Scholarship recipient must:**

1. Maintain a minimum of a 3.0 GPA (on 4.0 scale) in Journalism/Media courses, and a 2.5 cumulative GPA.
2. Enroll in at least one journalism or media course every semester. It is strongly encouraged to enroll in JOURN 150-Introduction to Convergent Media-the first semester at Muskingum.
3. Participate an average of three hours of work a week in co-curricular media activities within the department.
4. Attend meetings publicized by the Department of Communication, Media, & Theatre that pertain to majors and scholars. Maintain set established policies of departmental scholarship activity.
5. Participate in the scholarship review process at the end of each semester, according to departmental policy, which includes an updated journalism portfolio at the arrival at each review.

Applicants who qualify for need-based financial aid may be eligible for assistance beyond the level of the Journalism Scholarship and other non need-based awards. Students planning to apply for need-based assistance should file the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).

**We are pleased to know of your interest in Muskingum University, and hope you choose to explore the opportunities for academic and personal growth available at Muskingum. If we can be of any further assistance, please contact:**

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