



2010 AABJ Xernona Clayton Scholarship Application

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Last Name _____ First _____ MI _____
Permanent Address _____
City/State/ZIP _____
Home Phone _____ Mobile Phone _____
E-mail _____

SCHOOL INFORMATION

Current School _____
School Address _____
City/State/ZIP _____
Classification _____
Degree Seeking _____
Expected Date of Completion _____

Are you currently a member of AABJ Student Consortium? _____
(If not, please return the attached application with packet)

Clubs/Activities/Community Service:

Honors & Awards:

What are your future plans in the media?

REFERENCES

Name _____	Name _____
Employer _____	Employer _____
Title _____	Title _____
E-mail _____	E-mail _____



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Thank you for your interest in the 2010 Atlanta Association of Black Journalists Academic Scholarship Program. Each year, AABJ awards three exceptional future journalists with scholarships. Applicants must be pursuing degrees in journalism or communications (broadcast, radio, print, digital media). Xernona Clayton Scholarship recipients must also participate in the Atlanta Association of Black Journalists Student Consortium.

APPLICANT REQUIREMENTS:

- Must be a member of AABJ (join at aabj.org by May 31st to be eligible)
- Must attend an accredited College or University in Metro Atlanta
- Must have a cumulative GPA of 2.8 (on a 4.0 scale)
- Must have experience in community/student media

SUBMISSIONS:

- In 300-500 words, the applicant must explain:
“What does the newsroom of the future look like and what skills do you need to excel in it?”
- Essay must be typed and double-spaced
- Two letters of recommendation (professors, mentors, professional journalists)
- An OFFICIAL transcript is required (sealed)
- Must be a 1st, 2nd, or 3rd-year student (graduating seniors are not eligible)
- Must submit 2-5 work samples:
 - o Broadcast/Radio – published article/story –or—video/audio
 - o New media – published article/story from Internet (Web sites, blogs, etc...)
 - o Print – published article

APPLICATIONS MUST BE POSTMARKED BY MAY 31, 2010

Applications should be mailed to the following address:

AABJ Scholarship Committee
P.O. Box 54128
Atlanta, Georgia 30308

Questions should be directed to:
Candice Mitchell, Scholarship Chair
scholarship@aabj.org



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To: Advisors, Journalism & Mass Communications Departments
From: Atlanta Association of Black Journalists
Candice Mitchell, Scholarship Chair
RE: Xernona Clayton Scholarship Application

The Atlanta Association of Black Journalists (AABJ) is excited to assist students in their desire to achieve success in the journalism field.

Since 1976, AABJ has served as the collective voice of Atlanta's African-American media talent, representing hundreds of professionals in print, radio, television, public relations and new media.

With the help of corporate sponsors, the Xernona Clayton Scholarship Fund awards a total of \$10,000 to three (3) deserving students in metro Atlanta. The eligibility requirements for receiving the Xernona Clayton Scholarship awards are listed on the attached application. Please make all qualified students aware of this wonderful opportunity. Applications must be postmarked on or before May 31, 2010 to be eligible for the award.

The selected students will be award the Xernona Clayton Scholarship in the fall, and will be recognized at the AABJ Awards Banquet in spring 2011.

Please feel free to reproduce as many copies of the Xernona Clayton Scholarship application as needed and contact me directly at scholarship@aabj.org or 404-897-2241 if you have any questions or concerns.

Thanks for your continued support of the AABJ.



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INFORMATION SHEET AND CHECK LIST

OBJECTIVE:

The Atlanta Association of Black Journalists will award deserving African-American students additional opportunity through the Xernona Clayton Scholarship Fund to pursue a journalism/mass communications degree at a Metro Atlanta College or University.

AWARD VALUE: \$2,000 - \$5,000

ELIGIBILITY:

- Must be a member of AABJ (or join upon the completion of this application)
- Must attend an accredited College or University in Metro Atlanta
- Pursuing a journalism/mass communications degree or other related fields (i.e. English, Telecommunications, etc.)
- Be African-American
- Be a U.S. citizen or legal alien
- Must have a cumulative GPA of 2.8
- Must be involved in a form of student media

COMPLETED APPLICATION CHECK LIST:

- Complete application
- Essay (typed and double-spaced)
- Official transcript (sealed)
- 2 letters of recommendation (sealed)
- Must submit writing samples
- Disclaimer for Scholarship Funds Disbursement

Incomplete packages will not be considered for awards



XERNONA CLAYTON SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION DISCLAIMER

Agreement for Disbursement of Scholarship Funds

I, _____, acknowledge and understand that the scholarship awards received by the winner will only be disbursed in a lump sum payment directly to the university/college identified by the scholarship recipient.

The Atlanta Association of Black Journalists will forward the funds to the identified institution in one of two ways:

1. Placed in student's account with the Financial Aid Office and/or Student Affairs Office.
2. Placed in a recognized university/college bookstore account in the student's name.

I recognize and accept these conditions for the disbursement of any scholarship award that I may receive.

Signature of Applicant

Date