



2019 AABJ

Steen Miles Journalism/Communication Scholarship

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Thank you for your interest in the 2019 Atlanta Association of Black Journalists Academic Scholarship Program. Each year, AABJ awards exceptional future journalists with scholarships. The Steen Miles Journalism/Communications Scholarship is a \$1,000 one-time scholarship. Applicants must be pursuing degrees in journalism, communications broadcast, radio, print or digital media.

The winner will be notified by May 31, 2019 and invited to attend the AABJ June 8, 2019 meeting to receive a **scholarship certificate**.

APPLICANT REQUIREMENTS:

- Attend an accredited college or university in metro Atlanta
- Must be pursuing a journalism/mass communications degree or other related fields (i.e. English, Communications, Digital Media, etc.)
- Must have a cumulative GPA of 3.0 (on a 4.0 scale)
- Must be involved in a form of community/student media (ex: college newspaper, broadcast radio or TV, etc.)

SUBMISSIONS:

- Completed application (typed)
- Two (2) sealed letters of recommendation from professionals who are familiar with your work and your character (ex: professors, mentors, professional journalists)
- An OFFICIAL sealed transcript from college
- Must be a 2nd semester freshman, sophomore, or a junior (graduating seniors are not eligible)
- Must submit 3 work samples:
 - Broadcast/Radio – published article/story or video/audio
 - News media – published article/story from Internet (Websites, blogs, etc...)
 - Print – published article

SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS WILL BE EXPECTED TO COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING:

- ✓ Work or intern a minimum of 15 hours with AABJ (By Line, In Contact or serve on an AABJ committee); during the fall 2019 semester; from August 15, 2019 and your work must be completed by May 31, 2020.

*Applications must be postmarked by **May 17, 2019** via **US POST MAIL**
send your packet to:*

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



APPLICATION CHECKLIST

Before sealing & mailing your scholarship package, please make sure all items listed below are included:

- Completed and signed scholarship application
- Two letters of recommendation on official letterhead (one letter must be from one of your current professors/teachers)

Letters CANNOT be from family members

(NOTE: Letters must be signed, typed on letterhead and enclosed in a sealed envelope.)

- Official Sealed College Transcript
- Disclaimer for Scholarship Funds Disbursement

****Incomplete packages will **not** be considered for an award.***

Confidentiality Notice: All information and responses submitted in this application packet are confidential and will be used only by the members of the AABJ Board of Directors



Student Profile:

Full Name _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Phone _____

Email Address _____

Academic Profile:

College/University Name _____

College/University Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Phone _____

Cumulative Grade Point Average (on a 3.0 scale) _____



Leadership/Community Service Profile:

List any activities (i.e. clubs, church, organizations or sports) in which you have been involved and any leadership roles held. **You may attach a separate sheet if more space is needed.**

ORGANIZATION/ACTIVITY LEADERSHIP ROLE/OFFICE HELD DATES INVOLVED

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____

Special Honors or Recognition

(e.g., academic, church, community, sports)



PROVIDE A 500 – 800 WORD STATEMENT EXPLAINING THE FOLLOWING:

- The Honorable, Minister Ollisteen “Steen” Miles worked tirelessly and was accomplished in many sectors of her life, what three sectors did you observe and how might you emulate these – give details?
- What are your top three reasons for pursuing a career in journalism?
- How will this scholarship assist you in perpetuating the legacy of The Honorable, Minister Ollisteen “Steen” Miles?
- How do you plan on changing the narrative of the media industry? What can you offer to the media world? Why are your skills and ideas needed?
- Why should you be selected as a 2019/20 scholarship recipient?



References - List two below

A. Name _____ Phone Number _____

Address _____

B. Name _____ Phone Number _____

Address _____

INSTRUCTIONS TO BE GIVEN TO REFERENCES

Please have each of your references submit a typed letter of recommendation for you. The letters should be on official letterhead, addressed to the Atlanta Association of Black Journalists and include:

- ✓ Name, address, email and phone number of reference
- ✓ Relationship to applicant (*family members prohibited*)
- ✓ How long reference has known applicant
- ✓ Information regarding why applicant should receive the scholarship award
- ✓ The letter should be placed in a sealed envelope before returning to the applicant

Failure to supply all information listed will result in applicant receiving a lower **score**.



CERTIFICATIONS

Please indicate with your signature below that you certify that you agree with the statements below:

1. I certify that all information provided is correct and complete to the best of my knowledge. I give the Atlanta Association of Black Journalists permission to verify any information contained in my information package, as necessary. I understand that misrepresentation of any information or the submission of inaccurate or incomplete information will result in disqualifying me to be considered for a scholarship or forfeiture of any award that I may receive and there is no appeal process.
2. I certify that the applicant: (please check all that apply)
 - attends an accredited college or university in metro Atlanta
 - is not a graduating senior
3. I understand that if the applicant is awarded a scholarship the funds will be sent directly to the college/university once the proper verification forms have been completed and returned to AABJ.
4. I hereby grant AABJ the unrestricted right and permission to use and re-use my likeness in any and all publications, including photograph, television broadcast, video recording, internet sites, social media channels, audio-recording or any other form of electronic or print communication (the Promotional Materials), for its own purposes without payment or any other consideration to me, in perpetuity.

Applicant Signature

Date



**“Steen” Miles Journalism/Communication Scholarship
DISCLAIMER AGREEMENT FOR DISBURSEMENT OF
SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS**

I, _____, acknowledge and understand that the scholarship award 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



The Honorable, Minister Ollisteen “Steen” Miles

The Steen Miles Journalism/ Communications Scholarship” was established in honor of the late Honorable, Minister Ollisteen (Steen) Miles, member and associate minister of Greenforest Community Baptist Church for 30 years. A resident of DeKalb County, Honorable Miles was an outstanding journalist and public servant; her career peaked as managing editor and reporter-anchor for WXIA TV, the Atlanta NBC affiliate. She was the chief media relations officer for the Metro Atlanta Rapid Transit Authority, an editorial writer for The Champion Newspaper, a consultant for Unconditional Love for Children, Inc., and a highly sought public speaker. She later pursued her public service ministry and was elected to the Georgia State Senate by a landslide victory.

During her esteemed career, Miles has been recognized with over 275 awards and honors from businesses, government, civic organizations, Greek organizations, churches, schools and universities. She has won three Emmy Awards and received four Emmy nominations. In 2012, Miles was awarded the 1st Place Editorial Writing Award by the Georgia Press Association, and in 2013, she was honored by 4th District Congressman Hank Johnson with an Outstanding Citizen Citation. In 1996, Miles was awarded the coveted Pioneer Journalist of the Year by the Atlanta Association of Black Journalists. She was an SCLC Women Mentor with the late Evelyn Lowery, and was featured in Who’s Who in Black Atlanta. Her life achievements are documented in an in-depth interview with photographs in the archives of “The History Makers,”—our nation’s most complete collection of biographies of notable African-American personalities. Miles was invited twice to the White House as part of a select group of national journalists, and invited by the Speaker of the House to attend the ceremony where Nelson Mandela received the Congressional Gold Medal in 1998. In 2006, she was honored with the Keys to the City of South Bend, Indiana, her hometown. Her childhood memoir, *Teenie: Newslady in Training* was published in 2007.

As a phenomenal mentor to many young girls and young journalists, a leader and past president in Jack and Jill of America (Stone Mountain Chapter), an associate minister, and a member and program chair in the “Orchid’s Service Organization,” she impacted many lives. Her countless journalism and service awards from businesses, the faith community, non-profit organizations, and government entities are a testament of a well-lived life.

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