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2019 AABJ/NABJ CONVENTION FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE GRANT APPLICATION

Thank you for your interest in the 2019 Atlanta Association of Black Journalists – National Association of Black Journalists Conference Financial Assistance Grant.

The mission of the Atlanta Association of Black Journalists' is to encourage the growth of student journalists and to provide resources to facilitate that growth.

Applicants must be pursuing degrees in journalism or communications (broadcast, radio, print, digital media) as an undergraduate student.

Application deadline is June 21, 2019 and must be emailed to aabj.org@gmail.com.

APPLICANT REQUIREMENTS:

- Must be a PAID member of AABJ (or join by the receipt of this application)
- Must have demonstrated an interest in a media-related career path (ex: internships/volunteer work)

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- Must have some sort of plan in place for the National Association of Black Journalist 2019 Convention in Aventura, Florida, even if you do not have the funding (ex: travel already booked (Megabus, plane or car) and/or conference registration paid for, hotel room arrangements figured out (roommates etc.)
- SUBMISSIONS:**
- Completed application emailed to aabj.org@gmail.com by June 21, 2019
- A letter of recommendation (professors, mentors, professional journalists) emailed to aabj.org@gmail.com

SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS WILL BE EXPECTED TO COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING:

- ✓ Write a blog to be published in the AABJ newsletter, The By Line detailing your experience at the conference and submit to **Amir Vera**, AABJ’s Vice President of Print one week after returning from the conference, Friday August 23, 2019.
- ✓ Visually document your journey at the convention and submit items to Jaya Franklin, AABJ’s Vice President of Digital Media.



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APPLICATION CHECKLIST

Before emailing your package, please make sure all items listed below are included:

- Completed and signed scholarship application
- One letter of recommendation on official letterhead
Letters CANNOT be from family members

**Incomplete packages will not be considered for the grant.*

Confidentiality Notice: All information and responses submitted in this application packet are strictly confidential and is intended solely for the use by the members of AABJ's grant selection committee.

Student Profile:

Full Name _____

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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 4.0 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. _____

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2. _____
3. _____
4. _____

Special Honors or Recognition

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

Please answer the following questions on a separate sheet of paper, double spaced, 12 point Times New Roman font.

1. Are you a member of the Atlanta Association of Black Journalists and/or the National Association of Black Journalists?

2. Have you ever been to a NABJ Conference? If so, tell us about your experience.



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3. Why do you want to attend the NABJ Conference?
4. What, if any, financial hardships are you experiencing to finance your trip to the conference?
5. Have you registered for the conference?
6. Do you have lodging accommodations? If so, what are they?
7. Why should AABJ select you as a grant recipient?
8. What are your career goals? What are you doing now, or have done in the past, to that ensure you meet these goals? (For example: internships or working at a school media outlet)
9. What other information would you like the Scholarship selection committee to know about you?

REFERENCE

Name _____ Phone Number _____

Address _____

INSTRUCTIONS TO BE GIVEN TO REFERENCE

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Please have your reference submit a typed letter of recommendation for you. These letters should be on official letterhead, addressed to Atlanta Association of Black Journalist and include:

- ✓ Name and address of reference
- ✓ Relationship to applicant
- ✓ How long reference has known applicant
- ✓ Information regarding why applicant should receive the grant
- ✓ The letter should be emailed to aabj.org@gmail.com by June 21, 2019

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AGREEMENT FOR DISBURSEMENT OF FUNDS

I, _____, acknowledge and understand that the grant award received by the winner will only be disbursed as a lump sum payment directly to The National Association of Black Journalists by The Atlanta Association of Black Journalists in the recipient’s name.

AABJ will forward the funds to NABJ via online payment in the recipient’s name. In the event the recipient does not attend the 2019 NABJ conference in Miami, Florida, I understand the recipient must notify AABJ in writing and will be required to repay AABJ the **FULL AMOUNT** of grant disbursed.

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

Signature of Applicant

Date