**2020 AABJ/NABJ CONVENTION FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE GRANT APPLICATION**

Thank you for your interest in the 2020 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 **July17, 2020** and must be emailed to [aabj.org@gmail.com](mailto: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)
* **SUBMISSIONS:**
* Completed application emailed to [aabj.org@gmail.com](mailto:aabj.org@gmail.com) by **July17, 2020**
* One letter of recommendation (professors, mentors, professional journalists) emailed to [aabj.org@gmail.com](mailto:aabj.org@gmail.com)

**SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS WILL BE EXPECTED TO COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING:**

* Write a blog to be published in the AABJ newsletter, The Byline, detailing your experience at the virtual conference and submit to **Raisa Habersham**, AABJ’s Vice President of Print, one week after returning from the conference, Friday August15, 2020.
* Visually document your journey at the convention (via screenshots if possible) and submit items to **Gary Cotton**, AABJ’s Vice President of Digital Media.

**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:**

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**Academic Profile:**

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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.**

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**Special Honors or Recognition**

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

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**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.
3. Why do you want to attend the NABJ Virtual 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. Why should AABJ select you as a grant recipient?
7. 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)
8. 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**

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](mailto:aabj.org@gmail.com) by **July17, 2020.**

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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 2020 NABJ virtual conference, I understand the recipient must notify AABJ in writing and will be required to repay AABJ the **FULL AMOUNT** of grant disbursed.

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

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Signature of Applicant

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