



URBAN JOURNALISM WORKSHOP 2015 APPLICATION

Since 1986, Washington Association of Black Journalists has introduced young people to careers in the media through an intensive skills-building workshop held each spring. The Urban Journalism Workshop, a free journalism-immersion program for high school students, is seeking applicants for its 2015 training program. The workshop, conducted over eight weekends, is open to all high school students.

STUDENTS: Read more about the workshop and see examples from previous classes at www.ujwonline.org.

VOLUNTEERS: Sign up to assist and mentor local high school students each Saturday, 9:30 a.m.-4 p.m., Mar.14 through May 9 at American University and NPR.



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Young Journalists Development Program

STUDENT EXPECTATIONS

This is a rigorous program requiring your full participation. Professional journalists and journalism educators will be watching your growth and development throughout the workshop. In order to get the best from this experience, you will be expected to:

- 1) Attend all eight sessions on time. If you expect to be late, you are required to inform your section leader in a timely fashion. You will be dropped from the program for unexcused absences.
- 2) Come prepared. You must be informed, so read the newspaper, listen to the radio, watch television news broadcasts and consume other forms of news. You will be tested weekly on your knowledge and asked to discuss news events during each session.
- 3) Complete assignments on time. Journalists must meet deadlines. As an aspiring journalist, you will be expected to complete all assignments in the time given. We can give you the best feedback on your work when we have your work on time.

If you can fully commit to these expectations,
you should excel in our program.
You will also learn a lot and hopefully have fun, too.
Thanks for applying!

Applications are available at ujwonline.org or
www.washingtonpost.com/youngjournalists

Do NOT mail completed applications to The Washington Post.
All pieces of the application should be mailed to:
WABJ Workshop, P.O. Box 8*, ' , Washington, DC 20013

THE URBAN JOURNALISM WORKSHOP (UJW), is co-sponsored by the Washington Association of Black Journalists (WABJ) and The Washington Post Young Journalists Development Program (YJDP). Professional journalists in print and electronic media teach the students the basics of real-time journalism during eight consecutive Saturdays from early March through late April.



Students accepted into the UJW are given core-skills training in reporting and writing and allowed to focus their learning time on one of three news mediums: newspaper/~~online~~, radio news or television news.

The students produce Web stories, a newspaper, a 30-minute radio news show and a 30-minute television news show.

ELIGIBILITY: All interested high school students in the Washington, DC area are encouraged to apply.

WHEN: Eight consecutive Saturdays, beginning March 14 to May 9, 2015. The workshop begins at 9:30 and ends at 4:30 each Saturday.

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PART I: THE APPLICATION

Applications should be completed and postmarked by **Friday, January 8~~th~~, 2011**.

Those accepted will be notified by **Friday, January 28~~th~~, 2011**.

Section I: Application (To be completed by applicant.)

Name	Age	Gender
Home Address		
City	State	Zip Code
Telephone	Cell Phone	E-mail
High School	Class	

Ethnicity (check one): African American Hispanic/Latino American Native American Asian/Pacific Islander Caucasian

Preferred section: (Please rank in *order* of interest: 1st, 2nd, 3rd.) Newspaper: T V: Radio:

How did you find out about this workshop?: School WABJ The Washington Post Other (specify)

Newspaper Adviser or Journalism Instructor:

Teacher Recommendations.

Recommendations need to be completed (on a separate piece of paper and included with your application packet) by two (2) high school teachers (preferably English or high school newspaper advisers, though others are acceptable.)



Student journalists and volunteer mentors tape segments of WABJ News from the rooftop of Newseum in Washington.

PART II: SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

Section II: Writing Samples (To be completed by every applicant.)

Please complete the following assignments. This needs to be your own work.

- 1) Type a 250-word autobiography. As an aspiring young journalist, tell us about yourself. Be sure to include any media-related work you've done, what you want to do, what's important to you.
- 2) Type a one-page, double-spaced essay on the following topic: Why do I want to be in this program?
- 3) Type a one-page, double-spaced essay that answers: Why is the First Amendment important?

Section III: Parental Consent (To be completed by parent or guardian.)

I, _____, hereby state that my child is in good health and give my permission for him/her to participate in the Washington Association of Black Journalists Urban Journalism Workshop. I also authorize the medical treatment of my child in the event of an emergency and the release of necessary medical records. Further, I agree that payment of such medical services will be my responsibility.

Parent's Signature

Date