

CHSPA SCHOLARSHIPS

Application Form

Deadline:
Postmark February 15

Instructions: Enclose this application form as the first page of the folder in which you include your letters of recommendation and samples of work. Please type or print neatly.

Name _____

Home address _____

City _____ Zip _____

Home phone (____) _____ E-mail _____

School name _____

School address _____

City _____ Zip _____

School phone (____) _____

Principal's name _____

Publication(s) (name/type/date) served _____

Years of service on newspaper staff _____ yearbook staff _____ broadcast staff _____ other _____

Adviser(s) name(s) _____

Adviser(s) e-mail(s) _____

Which college(s) do you plan to attend? _____

What major do you anticipate? _____

"I verify that all the above information is accurate and all of the enclosed work is my original work."

Student signature _____ Date _____

"To the best of my ability, I certify all of the enclosed student work is the original work of the applicant."

Adviser signature _____ Date _____

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Application Process:

- Scholarship applications must include the following items:
 - ◆ Scholarship application form;
 - ◆ Student letter (a self-analytical evaluation of the applicant's "journalistic" life; may be creative);
 - ◆ Five-semester transcript that includes GPA (official copy);
 - ◆ Three to four letters of recommendation, including one from the student's publication adviser and one from an English teacher who has taught the student; a letter from your principal is desirable but not mandatory;
 - ◆ No more than 12 selected samples of published work that best illustrate contributions to the journalism program(s) (more information found on next pages);
 - ◆ An action photo of the applicant doing something journalistic (i.e., interviewing someone, taking a photograph, designing a page, talking to the staff, etc.).
- All application materials must be bound in a portfolio or three-ring notebook. The applicant's name and the name(s) of his or her publication(s) must appear on the front cover.
- Application materials must be mailed to CHSPA. Use insured first-class mail only. Mailing by a verifiable method is recommended as is retaining copies of all materials submitted. All entries become property of CHSPA.
- Incomplete entries will be disqualified, as will those that fail to meet the deadline or do not follow directions.
- Applicants who wish to be considered for the Eric Benson Scholarship must also include a letter (separate from the letter outlined in Step 1) that explains their financial need.

Judging:

- Scholarship applications are judged by a committee comprised of CHSPA board members. No board member whose student has applied for the scholarship may serve on the judging committee.
- Judges may name first and second alternates to act as recipients in the event that the winner forfeits.
- Judging Criteria:

◆ Neatness of application	0-10 points
◆ Quality of work	0-40 points
◆ Applicant's letter(s)	0-20 points
◆ Letters of recommendation	0-20 points
◆ Grades (official transcript)	0-10 points
◆ Total possible:	100 points

Receiving the Award:

- Each scholarship recipient will be notified in the spring of his/her senior year, but money will not be transferred to the recipient's qualified post-secondary school until the recipient has submitted proof to CHSPA of enrollment in that school. Check with the CHSPA office for specific deadlines by which proof must be submitted. Money must be claimed within two years of graduating from high school.
- Winner accepts responsibility for contacting CHSPA with proof of enrollment (including college's address and office to which the check should be mailed) and notifying CHSPA of his/her college address, home address, course of study and any name change.
- The scholarship must be claimed within two years of graduating from high school. A scholarship not claimed within this time limit will be forfeited.
- Upon receiving proof of enrollment from the recipient, CHSPA will pay the scholarship funds directly to the school on behalf of the recipient. CHSPA will not pay the recipient directly.
- One winner will receive the full scholarship amount if attending a Colorado school, half that amount if attending school out-of-state.

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Guidelines for Samples of work

1. Select samples that show quality and diversity of reporting, writing, photography, design, etc.
2. The samples of student work must be bound in a portfolio or three-ring notebook. The samples should be arranged in reverse chronological order, most recently published sample first.
3. Each sample must be attached (stapled, taped or glued) to an 8.5" x 11" sheet with the following information neatly printed or typed on it: name of applicant, name of publication and name of adviser.
4. Originals preferred, but clear photocopies will be accepted if verified with adviser's initials.
5. Include at least one issue of your newspaper or magazine or photocopies of relevant spreads from your yearbook so the judges can see the context of your work.
6. In addition, follow the guidelines below:
 - Newspaper Stories:** Submit only stories written by the applicant (no co-authored stories). Include any accompanying headlines, photos, cutlines and/or graphics produced by the applicant.
 - Yearbook Stories:** Submit only stories written by the applicant (no co-authored stories). Include any accompanying headlines, photos, cutlines and/or graphics produced by the applicant. In the case of yearbook copy and layouts not back from the publisher by the scholarship application deadline, graph paper reproductions of double-spreads or computer printouts of the DPS as sent to the printer may be submitted. Each submission must be verified and initialed by the adviser as the one that will appear in the upcoming yearbook. Clear photocopies of photographs (not necessarily scaled to size) should be included in all cases.
 - Photographs:** Submit only photographs shot by the applicant. Include an original print or halftone as well as the photograph as published. Include any accompanying cutline (caption) written by the applicant.
 - Graphic Design:** Submit only work done by the applicant alone. Applicants may submit newspaper and/or yearbook pages, double-page spreads or graphic elements. If the applicant must submit a sample that includes work of another, please identify which elements the applicant created. For example, if the applicant designed and laid out the page but did not write the stories and headlines on it, make this clear.
7. Samples should show one or more of the following characteristics and should be grouped according to what they represent. These groupings should be labeled. Neatness and organization count.
 - ◆ Skilled and creative use of media content - writing, production, photography, etc.
 - ◆ Inquiring mind and investigative persistence - in-depth study or studies of issues important to the local high school audience, high school students in general or society.
 - ◆ Courageous and responsible handling of sensitive issues - local or societal.
 - ◆ Variety of journalistic experience, each handled in a quality manner - newspaper, yearbook, broadcast, photography etc.
 - ◆ Sustained and commendable work with community media - internship, published work, etc.

2009 Dorothy Greer Scholarship recipients
Kristen Scheirman, Rock Canyon High School
Christopher W. Peters, Rocky Mountain High School
For previous winners, see Membership Book