

Gary Dolphin Journalism Grant Guidelines

Goal and Overview

The Dolphin Journalism Grant program's goal is to help fund journalism initiatives in the tri-state area. The grant provides funds to entities and institutions seeking to provide local news and information to the area.

About Gary Dolphin

Gary recognizes that local journalism, reporting, communications and broadcasting are important to every local community. In order to help organizations who want to provide local news and information in the tri-state area, this fund will provide operating grants to help them reach their goals and serve the community in this way.

Growing up in the small town of Cascade, Iowa - just down the road from Dubuque - Gary has been involved in reporting and broadcasting almost all his life. From broadcasting high school games on local radio, to television anchor, to syndicated college and professional sports, Gary was selected as the "Voice of the Hawkeyes" and is the play-by-play announcer for both Iowa Football and Basketball games. In addition, he has volunteered or been asked to MC numerous fundraising events for others over the decades.

Grant Structure

1. The Grant Fund may provide funds to assist in the recruitment and retention of local journalists working in a locally owned and operated journalism entity.
2. The Grant Fund may provide funds to assist locally owned and operated journalism entities with resources to help create, manage and distribute local news and information.

Grant Amounts

Grants for locally owned and operated journalism entities may range from \$1,000 to \$10,000.

Eligibility criteria for application to receive a grant:

Recipients must be an independent, locally owned and operated journalism entity providing local news and information to the tri-state area.

Deadlines & Process

- Requests for grant funding will be accepted online from March 1 through April 15.
- Grantees must submit a final report no later than one year after receiving grant funds.

How to Apply for a Dolphin Journalism Grant

Beginning March 1, applications can be submitted online by visiting:

<https://goapply2.akoyago.com/dubuque/application/gary-dolphin-grant-2026>

By submitting this grant application, you permit The Community Foundation of Greater Dubuque to use your information to determine eligibility and for grant publicity purposes. All completed applications must be received by the specified dates above to qualify for the grant awards. Grant recipient(s) will be selected and notified via telephone or email after the entry deadline.