

# **Gary Dolphin Journalism Scholarship Guidelines**

## **Goal and Overview**

The Gary Dolphin Journalism Scholarship supports students from Iowa, SW Wisconsin, and NW Illinois pursuing degrees in Journalism, Broadcasting, Communications, Marketing, or Public Relations. It provides scholarships to current and prospective college students in these fields, as well as stipends to current college students majoring in one of the areas of focus who intern at a local news and information provider.

## **About Gary Dolphin**

Gary recognizes that local journalism, reporting, communications and broadcasting are important to every local community. In order to help students who are planning or currently engaged in higher education in these fields, this fund will provide scholarships 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.

Now Gary wants to help the next generation of journalists, broadcasters and communications students get the education they need with these journalism grants.

## **Scholarship Structure**

1. The Fund may provide stipends to current college students, currently majoring in one of the areas of focus, who intern at a local news and information provider.
2. The Fund may provide support for four (4) scholarships per year:
  - a. One male applicant who is already majoring in one of the majors of focus
  - b. One female applicant who is already majoring in one of the majors of focus
  - c. One male applicant who is a senior in high school and intends to major in one of the majors of focus.
  - d. One female applicant who is a senior in high school and intends to major in one of the majors of focus.

## **Scholarship Amounts**

1. Student Scholarship Grants
  - a. Student scholarship grants will be in the amount of \$2,500.
  - b. Internship stipends may be in the amount of \$1,000 to \$2,500.

## **Eligibility criteria for application to receive a scholarship:**

### **Student scholarships**

- Recipients must reside in the state of Iowa, or in the states of Wisconsin or Illinois, within 90 miles of the city of Dubuque.
- Current college student recipients must be enrolled full-time at an accredited college or university
- Have a minimum 3.0 GPA
- Submit a 500-word essay and a 60-second video. Essays and videos should address the question: Who or what inspired you to enter the Journalism, Broadcasting, Communications, Marketing, or Public Relations field? (If you are a college freshman and do not have a GPA score – indicate that in your essay.)

*\*\* If you choose to send a link to your video hosted on Dropbox or Google Drive, please make sure it is viewable by the public.*

### **Internships & Fellowships**

Recipients must be working in an independent, locally owned and operated journalism entity providing local news and information to the tri-state area. Stipends will be paid directly to the organization, not to the student

## **Deadline to Apply for a Grants, Internships and Scholarships**

### **Fall Semester:**

Application opens March 1 / Closes: April 15.

Awarded May 15th

Fall Semester Scholarship Award amount – \$2,500.

## **How to Apply for a Dolphin Journalism Scholarship**

Applications can be submitted online by visiting:

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

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