



THE GENE ROBB JOURNALISM SCHOLARSHIP - 2012

The Community Foundation

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The Community Foundation administers a variety of charitable funds. Recognizing the importance of scholarships, especially with decreasing dollars for education at the federal level and increasing educational costs for students, the Foundation is pleased to administer the Gene Robb Journalism Scholarship Fund, which is described below.

The Gene Robb Journalism Scholarship Fund

The Gene Robb Journalism Scholarship Fund has been established by family, friends and colleagues of Mr. Robb, publisher of the Times Union until his death in 1967, in order to recognize his many significant contributions to the field of journalism.

To honor Mr. Robb's lifelong work, the Gene Robb Journalism Scholarship Fund makes scholarship awards in his name each year to area high school students planning to pursue a career in journalism. Awards are based on eligibility criteria described in the application material. Application forms are available at all area high school guidance offices or online at www.cfgcr.org.

Eligibility Requirements:

1. Applicant must be a graduating high school senior and must have been accepted at or plan to attend an accredited four-year college or university.
2. Applicant must have a clearly demonstrated interest in journalism and provide samples of journalistic work. Scholastic achievement will be strongly considered, as will community and social involvement. Personal recommendations are required.
3. Scholarship finalists may be asked to attend a personal interview with the Scholarship Committee in Albany, New York.

Selection Process:

1. All scholarship applications must be completed in full and submitted to The Community Foundation for the Greater Capital Region by **March 5, 2012**.
2. Scholarship recipients will be notified by late April.

Scholarship Fund Disbursement:

1. A scholarship of **up to \$1,500** will be paid directly to the college or university at which the scholarship recipient has been accepted or is attending. Award money will be deposited with the college to cover tuition and fees, books, instructional supplies, or living expenses.

Application Procedures:

1. In addition to Parts I and II of the application, the following information is required:
 - a. The applicant's Educational History, from the first year of high school to the date of application. This should be evidenced by school certificates signed by the proper school authority showing courses taken, grades received, and the rank of the applicant in the class. Regents marks should be provided when available, as well as the student's ACT and/or SAT scores.
 - b. A copy of the letter of acceptance from the applicant's college or university should be submitted with the application if possible, or immediately upon receipt of such acceptance. In addition, an official verification of registration will be required for the semester for which a scholarship award is being made.
 - c. Two letters of endorsement from persons, other than family, who have had an opportunity to personally observe the applicant and who can comment on the applicant's journalistic capabilities and commitment to community and social involvement. These letters must be submitted directly to the Scholarship Committee of the Foundation by the persons writing the letters by **March 5, 2012**.
2. Parts I and II of the application, as well as the Educational History, must be submitted to the Community Foundation as one packet.
3. The applicant should complete Part I of the application by typing or printing all answers.
4. Part II (two writing samples) should be no more than 1,000 words for each sample. If possible, the samples should be typed and double-spaced. The applicant's name should appear on each page.
5. The application must be completed in full and submitted by **March 5, 2012**. Applications that are not complete will not be eligible for review.
6. Completed applications should be submitted to:

**The Gene Robb Journalism Scholarship
c/o The Community Foundation for the Greater Capital Region
Six Tower Place
Albany, NY 12203**



**The Gene Robb Journalism Scholarship - 2012
PART I**

Personal/Educational Information

Student's Name:

Last	First	M.I.
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Address:

Street	City	State	Zip Code
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Date of Birth: _____ Telephone: _____

Father's Name: _____ Occupation: _____

Mother's Name: _____ Occupation: _____

High School(s) attended (ninth through twelfth grades):

<i>Name of School</i>	<i>Date of Entrance</i>	<i>Grades Attended</i>
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Expected Graduation Date: _____ Rank in Class _____ Total # in Class _____

List of accredited colleges or universities applicant has applied to, or been accepted in, in order of preference:

<i>Name of College/University</i>	<i>City and State</i>
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Course of study applicant will pursue: *Journalism* *Other**

*If you are *not* studying journalism, do you plan to pursue a career in journalism after college?

Please describe any circumstances, financial, personal, academic or other experiences that you would like the committee to take into consideration when evaluating your application:

Applicant Activity Profile

Journalism Activities (positions on school paper, community paper, etc.):

Civic Activities (activities that demonstrate a commitment to community and social involvement):

Extra-Curricular Activities (athletic teams, music, clubs, etc.):

Honors and Awards Received:

Employment/self-employment activities:

Name of Employer

Dates Employed

Job Title

PART II

Two writing samples, not more than 1,000 words each, should be included with the application packet (see "Application Procedures"). Samples should be typed, if possible, and double-spaced. The applicant's name should appear on each page. The samples should be:

1. A *sample editorial* (**any topic**) published in your school or community newspaper, or written for this application.
2. A *sample news story* (**any topic**) published in your school or community newspaper, or written for this application.

Signature of Applicant: _____ **Date:** _____