

HOW TO APPLY:

If you are a college student who will graduate in Spring 2007 or a recent graduate of a journalism or liberal arts program, photography, graphic or visual arts program, you are eligible to apply. All application materials must be postmarked by Nov. 15, 2006.

APPLICATION MATERIALS:

All applicants must submit these materials:

- A letter of recommendation, in a sealed envelope, from an instructor of journalism or design who knows your work well. You may wish to send one additional letter from an employer or industry professional.
- An official copy of your current transcript and documentation of any software training you have completed.
- The official application form (be sure to make a copy for yourself).
- A written essay of 500 words stating why you want to attend this program and why you want a career in journalism.

Additional samples required for reporting and writing applicants:

- Four to six samples of your news writing, or nonfiction writing, if you lack news experience.

Additional samples required for visual journalism applicants:

- Eight to 10 samples of your best course work or professional visual samples, with brief explanations. CD-ROMs or online portfolios are preferred, but printed samples will be accepted.

You may want to send URLs of Web pages you have worked on, samples of books or other published projects you have created or contributed to, or other materials.

Scholarship Support

- Check this box if you are applying for scholarship support. You must complete the Scholarship Application form and a 300-word statement of financial need. You may use this to explain any unusual hardships, such as illness or disability of a family member.

SEND ALL MATERIALS IN ONE PACKAGE TO THE ADDRESS ON THE APPLICATION FORM.

A FEW OTHER THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW:

Notification Timeline

In January you will be notified as to whether or not you are accepted into the program. If an application for scholarship assistance was completed, you will be notified of your status at the same time.

Tuition

The cost for the six-week program is \$3,000.

Housing

Housing is provided by Poynter in a dormitory-style setting. You will be notified about the details of your housing before you arrive in St. Petersburg.

Recruitment Day

During the last week of the program we will hold a recruitment day. You'll interview one-on-one with news organizations looking to fill positions around the country.

Additional Visual Program Information

As part of the Visual Journalism program, intermediate-level experience with Photoshop is required. Knowledge of Flash, InDesign, QuarkXpress, Illustrator, Freehand, other Macintosh programs, and HTML is extremely helpful, but solid visual work comes first.

You are not required to bring your own camera equipment, laptop computer, or digital recording equipment, but may do so if you wish.

Transportation

We strongly encourage you to have a car but it is not a requirement. It is important in carrying out your community reporting assignments.

Foreign students

Please note that Poynter cannot assist foreign students with passports, visas, or other documentation required for travel to the United States.

INTERNSHIPS:

You may apply for this program even if you have already accepted a summer internship or a first full-time job. Most employers know our program and are thrilled to get six weeks of high-quality training for their staffers. But you must obtain permission in advance from your new boss if you wish to arrange this.

If you'd like to immerse yourself in Poynter beyond the six week-summer program, we hope you'll consider the Naughton Fellowship. It's a paid internship involving reporting and producing for Poynter Online, beginning with the summer program (tuition waived) and concluding in July 2008. If you'd like to be considered, be sure to check the box on the other side of this application indicating your interest.

Details: www.poynter.org/naughtonfellowship

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