



Virginia SPJ, SDX Educational Foundation  
and Society of Professional Journalists, Virginia Pro Chapter

2017 JOURNALISM FELLOWSHIPS

Jan. 20, 2017

Dear College Journalists, Students, Professors and Financial Aid Officers:

Applications are now being accepted for two cash Fellowships of \$1,500 each to support the summer newsroom internships of rising juniors or seniors who attend a Virginia college or university. Virginia SPJ, SDX Educational Foundation awards the fellowships annually, with support from Society of Professional Journalists, Virginia Pro Chapter. **Applications and all other material and letters must be postmarked on or before March 13, 2017.**

Applicants are not required to be journalism majors, but they must demonstrate intent to pursue a career in journalism (print, broadcast and/or online media). Both winners will be recognized at the annual George Mason Banquet, which honors a person who has supported freedom of the press and contributed significantly to Virginia journalism.

The foundation and the chapter have awarded scholarships and fellowships to aspiring journalists annually since 1971. Previous winners now work at the highest levels in national, state and local journalism. The fellowship award on a resume distinguishes the recipient as one of the most talented college graduates entering the profession.

Please encourage students from your college or university to apply by posting and distributing photocopies of this letter and application to your top students. A printable poster is also attached. The application can be completed online at [SPJVA.com](http://SPJVA.com), or the application and accompanying documents can be downloaded and mailed to the address listed. Should you have questions or need assistance, please contact me at [clissasengland@gmail.com](mailto:clissasengland@gmail.com) or call me at 804-241-0718. All information is on the website: [SPJVA.com](http://SPJVA.com)

Sincerely,  
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