**Instructions for Incoming Freshmen Scholarships Application 2021**

Congratulations on being admitted to the E. W. Scripps School of Journalism. We look forward to having you on campus in the fall.

The E. W. Scripps School of Journalism awards TWO very special scholarships to incoming freshmen. All other freshmen scholarships are awarded through the University or the Scripps College of Communication.

*The Bob and Colleen “Koky” Dishon Scholarship is an $8000 award given to incoming freshmen who show extraordinary promise for success as a journalist through achievement in high school and demonstrated financial need by filing the FAFSA.* This is a renewable scholarship for three additional years if the student maintains a 3.0 GPA and is a continuing journalism major. We urge all admitted students to apply for this generous scholarship for four years of study at the E.W. Scripps School of Journalism. The three finalists for the Dishon scholarship will be asked to send a portfolio of their work to the scholarship committee and be interviewed via Zoom. All finalists will receive at least a $1500 scholarship.

*The Russ Baird Scholarship for High School Newspaper Editors is awarded annually to an incoming freshman who served as the solo editor-in-chief of his/her high school newspaper, and demonstrated financial need by filing the FAFSA.* The newspaper can be distributed either via print or online, but it must be a newspaper—literary or feature magazines do not qualify. If you are or have been the editor-in-chief of your high school newspaper, we urge you to apply for this scholarship. The amount of the award varies.

If you wish to apply for either or both of these scholarships, here’s what we need *(because of COVID restrictions all materials will be sent electronically this year)*:

**Dishon:**

* Completed, *typed*, scholarship application
* 750-1000 word essay on why you want to be a journalist, practicing news or strategic communication, and why you chose the E.W. Scripps School of Journalism to prepare for your career.
* A letter of recommendation from someone who can speak to your potential as a journalist (sent separately via email).
* Copy of your high school transcript (does not need to be an official transcript sent directly from your school—scan it and include it with your application packet)

**Baird:**

* Completed, *typed*, scholarship application
* 750-1000 word essay stating your qualifications to apply for the Baird scholarship including how your leadership influenced your high school newspaper. Also describe your background and interest in journalism, and why you have chosen to study at the E.W. Scripps School of Journalism.
* A recent copy of your high school newspaper (scan or create an electronic document) or links to a recent online edition produced under your editorship.
* A letter of recommendation from someone who can speak to your work on the newspaper (sent separately via email).

**Please include ALL materials, except recommendation letters, in your emailed application packet for each scholarship.** So if you apply for both scholarships, we need an application form for each, two letters of recommendation and two essays, as well as the other requested materials. Application packets should be *emailed* no later than ***Friday, January 8, 2021***. You should send your packet(s) to my attention:

Professor Mary T. Rogus, Journalism Scholarship Chair

rogus@ohio.edu

If you have questions, email [rogus@ohio.edu](mailto:rogus@ohio.edu). Finalists for the scholarships will be notified in mid-February and the winners will be awarded at our annual Journalism Awards Banquet in April 2020. **E. W. Scripps School of Journalism**

**Freshman Scholarship Application 2021 (please TYPE)**

**NAME:**

**PHONE:**

**E-MAIL ADDRESS:**

**HOME ADDRESS:**

**HIGH SCHOOL ATTENDING:**

**HIGH SCHOOL GPA:**

**OTHER SCHOLARSHIPS YOU HAVE RECEIVED:**

**OTHER SCHOLARSHIPS CURRENTLY APPLIED FOR:**

**HONORS AND AWARDS:**

**LIST EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES & YOUR SPECIFIC INVOLVEMENT:**

**PLEASE DESCRIBE YOUR FINANCIAL NEED (a parent or guardian must file a FAFSA to be considered for either scholarship)**

Students who are awarded a scholarship are required to send a thank-you letter to the donor (and copy it to the school). If you do not meet this obligation, you will not be eligible for future scholarship consideration. By signing this application, you agree to this provision.

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