



# CHESAPEAKE ASSOCIATED PRESS BROADCASTERS ASSOCIATION **2023 BOB SHILLING MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP**

**SCHOLARSHIP AMOUNT: \$3,000**

**DEADLINE: RECEIVED BY MIDNIGHT**

**April 7, 2023**

## **ABOUT THE SCHOLARSHIP:**

The Bob Shilling Memorial Scholarship was established to support students pursuing a career in journalism. Bob Shilling was a past president of the Chesapeake Associated Press Broadcasters Association and an at-large member of its board. During his 42-year membership, Shilling was a former managing editor of WBFF-TV, where he worked from 1990 to 2008. He was news director at WBAL-AM from 1988 to 1990. He also worked from 1966 to 1985 at WCBM-AM as a reporter and news director. More recently, he was a media specialist with the National Fallen Firefighters Association in Emmitsburg, Maryland, for six years. He was old-school and highly competitive, and he liked getting the story first, but he wanted it right. Shilling died in 2016.

## **Applicants must meet the following criteria:**

- Student must attend a college or university in Maryland, Delaware or the District of Columbia, or be a resident of Maryland, Delaware or the District of Columbia
- Full-time student with a major in broadcast journalism, journalism, mass communications, digital media or telecommunications
- Full-time students from other majors, who are working towards careers in journalism-related fields and have demonstrated their intention with internships, jobs and/or involvement in extra-curricular journalism-related fields
- Are an undergrad, enrolled in the 2023 spring semester as a sophomore, junior or senior
- Provide supporting material about Internships, jobs and extracurricular activities (letters of recommendation are welcome)
- Possess the personal qualities of strong character, integrity, dependability, industriousness, professionalism and compassion—traits which are essential for broadcast news and community leaders

## **BOB SHILLING MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP 2023 APPLICATION**

**Please provide the information requested below—PLEASE WRITE LEGIBLY OR TYPE!**

Applicant's name: \_\_\_\_\_

University/College \_\_\_\_\_

Current Year in College (as of the Spring 2023 semester): (circle one): SR JR SOPH

Major \_\_\_\_\_ Cumulative GPA \_\_\_\_\_

(Expected) Graduation date \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred-- Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Circle one: Home or School

E-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Description of your 5-year career goals: \_\_\_\_\_

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What will you bring to broadcast journalism? \_\_\_\_\_

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1) Write an essay of up to 500 words that addresses the following question:

*The COVID pandemic presented many reporting challenges for journalists. In your opinion, what are the biggest lessons learned for journalists (and journalism) as a result of reporting throughout the COVID pandemic? Please provide specific examples.*

2) Please include a copy of your resume and unofficial transcript with the completed application

3) Students must submit the application and required documents to:

Sue Kopen Katcef, Scholarship Chair: [umnewsie@gmail.com](mailto:umnewsie@gmail.com)

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**\*\*\*\*PLEASE MAKE SURE YOU HAVE ANSWERED ALL QUESTIONS AND PROVIDED ALL OF THE REQUESTED MATERIALS!\*\*\*\***

Thank you,  
Chesapeake Associated Press Broadcasters Association