



# CHESAPEAKE ASSOCIATED PRESS BROADCASTERS ASSOCIATION **2024 BOB SHILLING MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP**

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

**DEADLINE: RECEIVED BY MIDNIGHT**

**March 29, 2024**

## **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 toward 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 2024 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 2024 APPLICATION**

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

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

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

Current Year in College (as of the Spring 2024 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:

*In the 2024 election year, polls have shown that people are divided, even when it comes to trust in their news sources. Polls have shown people only trust the news sources that reflect their own political views. In your reporting, how do you earn the trust of viewers and listeners regardless of their political affiliation?*

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:

Robert Lang, Scholarship Chair: [rlang@hearst.com](mailto:rlang@hearst.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