



CHESAPEAKE ASSOCIATED PRESS BROADCASTERS ASSOCIATION

2025 BOB SHILLING MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

SCHOLARSHIP AMOUNT: \$3,000

DEADLINE: RECEIVED BY MIDNIGHT

Friday, March 28, 2025

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 2025 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 2025 APPLICATION

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

Applicant's name: _____

University/College _____

Current Year in College (as of the Spring 2025 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: _____

What will you bring to broadcast journalism? _____

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

As more people get their news from social media, and many of the social media platforms have eliminated editors and fact checkers, how do you make sure your work is accurate and fair so that you earn the trust of readers, viewers and listeners?

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

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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