

## **WEIU NEWS TEAM SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION**

### How do I apply?

1. Complete the WEIU News Team application included in this packet.
2. Have it signed by at least two of your current teachers.
3. Submit a portfolio of examples of your work such as news stories, videography, anchoring, reporting, editing or other types of work.
4. Submit an original essay on why you want to pursue a career in broadcast news and what you expect to gain from the program.
5. If selected, WEIU will contact you and offer the scholarship.
6. A panel made of one faculty member each from journalism and speech communication joined by a WEIU staff member will review applications and recommend awards to WEIU.

### WEIU News Team Standards

All members of the WEIU News Team are expected to adhere to the WEIU Rules and guidelines provided to each news team volunteer and scholarship applicant, be responsible, have a great attitude, work hard, be dedicated and have fun! There will be opportunities to fill various news production and content positions. You are expected to fulfill the duties of any position to which you are assigned. The time commitment varies with different assignments but expect to spend 10-20 hours each week to fulfill your assignment. There are set times that all news team members are expected to keep open even though they may not always be scheduled at these times. These are Monday through Friday from 5:00 PM - 6:15 PM and Monday 6:15 PM – 8:00 PM. Different positions require availability at specific times and students often try to schedule their classes in order to be available for the assignments they want most (see attached job description sheet for times). The News Director will work with you on finding assignments that fit your class schedule. An “all hands” mandatory meeting will also be scheduled each week by the news director. All News Watch volunteers are expected to attend this meeting.

### Are any scholarships available?

WEIU-TV will award about 20 scholarships based on costs to attend Eastern Illinois University (EIU).

### Who is eligible?

News Team Scholarships are open to undergraduates in the Electronic Journalism and Communication Option majoring in Journalism or Communication Studies for at least 12 credit hours in the semester for which the scholarship is requested. A current GPA of at least 2.5 for Eastern students and 2.75 for transfer students or incoming freshmen is also required.

### **1. ARE THE SCHOLARSHIPS RENEWABLE?**

Undergraduate students may re-apply for scholarships for each semester they meet the criteria up to a total of eight semesters. You can expect to keep your scholarship as long as you meet the WEIU T.V./WEIU News Watch standards. Fulfilling your responsibilities in a responsible, mature manner is critical. You must maintain the academic standards listed above and build a portfolio of your work. This portfolio will be reviewed each semester by a professional panel. They will help you recognize and build on your strengths, overcome weaknesses and make sure that you are progressing satisfactorily.

### **2. ADDITIONAL**

It's recommended News Watch scholarship applicants reside in the Lincoln/Stevenson/Douglas Complex, University Apartments or in off campus housing.

### **Scholarship Recipients will be expected to work:**

- Labor Day
- Fall Break
- Thanksgiving Recess
- Final Exams Week
- Dr. Martin Luther King Holiday
- Spring Recess

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Fall 2009 Spring 2010

Scholarship Request (Speech Com, Journalism majors)

Name:	Local Phone:	Cum. GPA
Social Security Number:	Email:	
Standing - Freshman Sophomore Junior Senior	Local Address:	
Expected Graduation Date:	Major Journalism Communication Studies	

List any radio/TV positions which you have previously held, where and time served.

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List college courses (by name) you are taking or have completed that have helped prepare you in radio/TV production.

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List other experiences (high school, trade school, internships etc.) that have helped prepare to work at WEIU.

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How many hours per week are you available to volunteer on the News Team \_\_\_\_\_

List in order of preference, the positions you would most like to work next semester ("1" for what you want most, then "2" ....)

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3.
4.
5.

I have read the standards expected of students on the WEIU News Team, agree to accept the assignment I am given as a condition of my scholarship and will exert every effort to fulfill the responsibilities of my position on the Team.

Applicant Signature

Date

## RECOMMENDATION

I am familiar with this applicant, have read the News Team Standards and feel confident that the applicant will prove to be a capable student and responsible, mature, and cooperative in serving as a member of the WEIU News Team.

Recommending Faculty/Supervisor Signature

Date:

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