



CULPEPPER JOURNALISM FOUNDATION

CJF Fellowship Application Summer 2025

The Culpepper Journalism Foundation is an organization that awards honorariums (up to \$1,000 for tuition) to underclassmen at Broward County public high schools. The fellowships help them attend summer journalism programs at universities. They must return to their high school staffs and be mentors to their classmates. The CJF was established in 1997 in honor of Dr. Alyce Culpepper, the 1986 Dow Jones National High School Journalism Teacher of the Year. As the first journalism teacher at South Plantation High, she began the school's award-winning newspaper, literary magazine, yearbook and broadcast programs.

The completed application must be submitted by April 1, 2025 and all parts emailed to culpepperjrf@aol.com **including the media samples**. Spend time on the Essays, Journalism Experiences/Leadership Roles and School and Community Activities/Service/that you submit on separate pages. The journalism/media teacher recommendation must be submitted on letterhead. Currently, no online programs will be funded because the purpose of the Summer Fellowship is to spend time on a university campus. If you must send a deposit and then receive a CJF fellowship, your deposit will be reimbursed to you as part of the tuition payment. If you may qualify for financial assistance, apply for it by the university deadline.

If my child, _____, accepts the CJF Fellowship, we agree to his/her attendance at a university program and him/her continuing to participate in the journalism a class at the school. **If, for any reason, he/she does not work on a staff during the year after receiving the fellowship, we agree to reimburse the Culpepper Journalism Foundation for the amount received.**

Parent Signature _____	Phone _____	Date _____
Student Name _____	SS# _____	Circle Current Grade 9 10 11
Address _____	School _____	
City/Zip _____	Email _____	
Journalism Staff Position _____	Adviser _____	

Required for Fellowship: College Program Planning to Attend _____
If the student wins a fellowship, the deposit or required tuition/program payment **up to \$1,000** will be reimbursed. The program cost is less, then the amount will reflect the difference.

If selected to be a Culpepper Journalism Foundation Fellow, I agree to uphold the conditions of the fellowship, attend a summer journalism institute at a university and enroll in my high school media program to share/teach my peers what I have learned at the university.

Student Signature _____	Date _____
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Personal Responses (Required): Type answers to the questions on the following page and submit with your application (Page 1) including parent and your signatures. Use complete sentences for the essays and remember the teacher recommendation that must be on school stationery. Email all parts with media samples to culpepperjrf@aol.com. Your teacher can email the recommendation. Deadline April 1, 2025.

Personal Response: Type these responses and indicate the title for each: Leadership Roles, Community Activities, Awards, Essays.

Responses in addition to the Application (1): Type answers to these questions using complete sentences. Please write title/question first.

(2) Activities: List your journalism/media activities, honors. Your journalism adviser must verify the accomplishments.

(3) School/Community Activities: List your journalism/media activities, honors. Your journalism adviser must verify the accomplishments in the recommendation.

(4) Essays: Write the question first and use complete sentences/good grammar.

1. What do you hope to learn / use next year after attending a summer journalism program?
2. What has been the most important story/issue/problem you have tackled in your journalism program and what you learned from it?
3. Explain how an additional activity in which you are involved helps you with your journalism work. (Such as writing for a community paper, attendance at state and national conferences/contests, *Broward Teen News*, etc.)

(5) Journalism Teacher Recommendation (Required on letterhead):

In this recommendation, please consider the applicant's responsibility, maturity, character, leadership skills and value to the staff. Verify the students has accomplished/participated in the activities he/she listed.

(6) Work Samples:

PRINT: Attach print samples on letter-sized paper, a maximum of five (5) samples of your journalism work. Include a variety of your talents: writing layout, design, photography.

BROADCAST: Video samples should be combined in one video and are limited to 3-4 minutes (mp4/YouTube or way to email for TV). **Explain in a note or a screen shot what you did for each of the clips/sample (writing, layout, photos, producer, camera operator, talent).** Do not include entire program or paper – only samples. Evaluators are busy professionals located throughout the United States.

Check List

- Application (1)
- Journalism/Media Leadership (2)
- School, Community Service, Awards (3)
- Essays (4)
- Teacher Recommendation (5)
- Work Samples (6)
(Maximum: **Video** - 3-5 minutes of clips from different segments; **Print** -5 samples for **letter** size)

The Culpepper Journalism Foundation award is a FELLOWSHIP not a scholarship. As a reminder, the fellowship's mission is *"to provide educational and financial assistance to high school underclassmen so they can attend summer journalism programs at universities. The CJF provides "fellowships" and not scholarships because the winners must return to their high school staffs the next year and be mentors to their classmates."*