

## 2011 NAJA Scholarship

*Applications must be postmarked by April 1, 2011.*

Each year NAJA offers scholarships ranging from \$500-\$5,000 to Native American students pursuing journalism degrees at a higher learning institution. To apply, students must be current paid members. Annual memberships cost \$10 for high school students and \$20 for college students.

- Cover letter stating financial need, area of interest (print, broadcast, photojournalism, new media or journalism education) and reasons for pursuing a career in journalism.
- A brief description of courses taken and grade level (college students only); as well as your anticipated term of graduation (for example Fall '11).
- One copy of your FAFSA report. All applicants must file a FAFSA report regardless of income status.
- Other financial reports citing miscellaneous income not listed on the FAFSA report.
- An official school transcript (college or high school - transcripts must be sent to the NAJA office directly from the high school or college/university. The transcripts must be in a sealed envelope.). Include a mid-semester report for Spring 2011.
- Two letters of recommendation from people familiar with your professional or academic work, such as editors, producers, teachers/professors, academic advisors, etc.
- Work samples or Portfolio (magazines or newspaper clips, tapes, etc.) or other samples of your work, such as class essays.
- Proof of enrollment in a federally- or state-recognized tribe. If not enrolled, please provide the following with your application: Letter from a tribal official on tribal letterhead stating the applicant's status or relationship with the federally-recognized or state-recognized tribe.
- Scholarship Financial Profile (Page 4 of this application)
- You must be a NAJA member to apply for scholarships. Sign up for membership on our membership page.
- Application deadline: April 1st, 2011.
- No late or incomplete applications will be accepted (Free Applications for Federal Student Aid or FAFSAs take several weeks to process. Your or your parents' tax statements will be needed before filling out a FASFA, so it's best to file taxes early in the year).
- Winners to be announced: July 1st, 2011.
- All forms and application materials must be submitted for your application to be considered.

For questions or inquiries about scholarships or other student-related programs, please contact NAJA national office at 405-325-9008 or email: [najaconf2011@yahoo.com](mailto:najaconf2011@yahoo.com).

### 2010 Scholarship Winners:

Kateri Town (***Choctaw/Yakama***)- Seattle University  
Terria Smith (***Torres Martinez***)- University of California-Berkley  
Tetona Dunlap (***Eastern Shoshone***)- University of Montana  
Ashley Collman (***Naknek Village Council***)- Syracuse University  
Graham Brewer (***Cherokee***)- University of Oklahoma  
Latoya Rucker (***Navajo***)- Arizona State University

NAJA would like to thank the following companies and organizations and individuals for their generous contributions to our scholarship fund: ***CNN, Mark Trahant, Daniel Littlefield, Kim Kossl, Haskell Indian Nations University-The Leader, The Joseph Grimm Foundation and all those who donate and buy items during the annual silent auction at the annual convention.***



NAJA Native American Journalists Association  
2011-2012 Scholarship  
**INFORMATION**

**Name of the award:**

\* NAJA Scholarship

**Scholarship amount:**

\* \$500 - \$5,000 each year

**Application deadline:**

\* April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2011

**Number of scholarships available:**

\* 10 - 15 each year

**Eligibility criteria:**

Any Native American graduating high school senior (May '11) or college student pursuing a career in radio, television or print (newspaper) journalism. Applicant must be a current NAJA member in good standing. Membership status will be verified at the time of application and also during the time of payment distribution. If asked, the candidate must be able to provide proof of enrollment in a state or a federally recognized tribe.

**Level of study:**

*High school*

\* Senior (Graduating May '11)

*College*

\* Freshman

\* Sophomore

\* Junior

\* Senior

\* Graduate

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**APPLICATION**

Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Applicant Information:**

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
University/College Student ID \_\_\_\_\_  
Permanent Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone (H) \_\_\_\_\_ Phone (C) \_\_\_\_\_  
Email \_\_\_\_\_  
Tribal Affiliation \_\_\_\_\_ Class/Level for school year 11-12 \_\_\_\_\_  
College Name & Address \_\_\_\_\_  
High School Name & Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Parent(s) Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

**Financial Need Disclosure:**

- List your expenses for school, per year, in the following areas:  
Tuition \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Room & Board \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Books \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- Under the FAFSA guidelines for student aid, do you qualify? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_
- On the Financial Profile form, please list other sources of funding you for education.  
Examples: personal contributions, family money, tribal money, scholarships, Federal grants, etc.

**Supporting Information:**

- Cover letter stating financial need, area of interest (print, broadcast, photojournalism, journalism education, new media) and your reasons for pursuing a journalism career, including plans after college.
- One copy of your FAFSA report. ([www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov))
- Other financial reports citing miscellaneous income that is not listed on the FAFSA report.
- Official or unofficial copies of school transcripts, to include current mid-semester progress report.
- List of class enrollment for 2011-2012 academic year.
- A brief description of courses taken and grade level (college/university students only); as well as your anticipated term of graduation (for example: Summer '12, Fall '13).
- Two letters of recommendation from people familiar with your professional or academic work, such as editors, producers, teachers/professors, academic advisors, etc.
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*Winners will be announced July 1st, 2011.*



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FINANCIAL PROFILE

Date \_\_\_\_\_

General Information:

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Total Need:

- a) Total School Expenses (total for 2011-12)
b) Total income to be used for school expenses (total for below questions 2b thru 7)
Total need (a minus b)

Personal Income:

- 1. Are you eligible for school loans? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_
a. If yes, list the name and amount
b. If yes, list the name and amount
c. If yes, list the name and amount
2. Will your parents be contributing money toward your education? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_
a. If yes, how much will be used for LIVING expenses?
b. If yes, how much will be used for SCHOOL expenses?
3. Do you have personal bank loans being used for school expenses during the 2011-12 school year?
4. Do you plan on working during the 2011-12 school year? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_
5. Do you have any personal savings? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_
6. Have you accepted other Scholarships OR Tribal grants for the 2011-12 school year? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_
7. Besides the income sources listed on this worksheet, what other sources of income will / do you have?
8. Have you ever received a NAJA scholarship in the past? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

Application and all supporting materials should be mailed, faxed, or emailed to:
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