

DR. WILLIAM DAVID DOWNS JR. SCHOLARSHIP.

2024 SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION | DEADLINE: MARCH 24, 2024

The Arkansas Scholastic Press Association voted to rename the ASPA Scholarship to the Dr. William David Downs Jr. Scholarship to honor the former ASPA director and late Dr. William D. Downs Jr. This scholarship is a one-time, \$500 scholarship that will be awarded to a student who will attend a public or private college or university and major in journalism, broadcast or film. Other related fields of study may be awarded by the discretion of the scholarship committee.

The winner of the scholarship will be announced at the 2024 ASPA State Convention on April 25, 2024. A check for the scholarship will be sent directly to the college or university upon proof of enrollment by the student.

QUALIFICATIONS

- The applicant must be a high school senior enrolled in an Arkansas high school—public or private.
- The applicant must be an active member of an ASPA media staff at that school.
- The applicant must register and attend the 2024 ASPA State Convention on April 25th and 26st in Little Rock, Arkansas.
- A minimum GPA of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale is required.

REQUIREMENTS

- The applicant must submit a candidate packet, which should include the items listed below.
- Additional materials may NOT be included.
- All items should be placed in at least a 9" x 12" envelope and mailed on or before March 24, 2024.

CANDIDATE PACKET ITEMS

- An official Dr. William David Downs Jr. Scholarship Application form with the required signatures.
- An official high school transcript (must include the first semester of the student's senior year).
- An essay (500-750 words) explaining why the student feels he or she deserves and needs the scholarship, what the student's interests in journalism are, what the student's plans are for the future and any other information the student feels they should include.
- Three samples of the student's original work: photographs, copy, designs, etc.

The packet should be mailed and postmarked on or before March 24, 2024 to:

Arkansas Scholastic Press Association
C/o Renette McCargo
PO Box 1380
Forrest City, AR 72336

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Applicant's Name: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ **State:** _____ **Zip:** _____

Phone: _____

High School: _____

Type of Media (circle all applicable):

- Broadcast
- Film or Video
- Literary Magazine
- Digital/Print Newspaper
- Yearbook

Number of Years on Staff: _____ **Staff Position(s):** _____

Future College: _____

Planned Major: _____

Annual Household Income: _____

I hereby state that all information contained in this Dr. William David Downs Jr. Scholarship Application Packet is true and accurate.

I am eligible for this award as described in the qualifications section of the information form. I created the enclosed application document independently using my own ideas, creativity and skills.

Applicant's Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

I hereby state that the information contained in this packet is accurate to the best of my knowledge. This student is an active member of the publication staff at my school, and I do hereby recommend that this student be awarded the Dr. William David Downs Jr. Scholarship.

Adviser's Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Counselor's Signature: _____ **Date:** _____