



Jack J. Valenti School of Communication Alumni Association Graduate Student Scholarship

The Jack J. Valenti School of Communication Alumni Association is pleased to announce the availability of one \$1,000 scholarship for a graduate student pursuing a master's degree in the School of Communication.

The Scholarship

The scholarship is a one-time award to be paid in two installments (\$500/semester) to assist with tuition, fees and/or textbook expenses. The recipient must enroll full time each semester, and must maintain a GPA of 3.50 or higher at the close of the fall semester to receive the second installment in the spring. This award applies only to the University of Houston and not to the other universities in the UH System (ex. UH-Downtown, UH-Clear Lake and UH-Victoria).

Eligibility Requirements

- Applicant must be a US citizen.
- Applicant may be a current or incoming graduate student in the School of Communication. Approval for admission to the University of Houston central campus in the 2010-2011 academic year without waiver, on an unconditional basis, is required for incoming graduate students.
- Applicants who are incoming graduate students must possess a 3.50 undergraduate GPA. Current graduate students must possess a 3.50 GPA for all graduate work completed.
- Recipient must be enrolled full time (nine hours per semester) as a School of Communication graduate student and remain so in the spring 2011 semester to receive the second installment.

Selection Criteria

The SOCAA scholarship selection committee shall consider academic performance, financial need, involvement in school activities and the community, and personal essays in making its selection. The committee shall determine the relative weight given to each criterion. There are no restrictions to applicants based on gender, race, nationality, physical disability or sexual orientation.

Recipient of this scholarship may apply for (and accept) other scholarships, grants, or awards for which the recipient is eligible. However, if a recipient applies for financial aid, these awards may be used in calculating the eligibility level of the recipient's financial aid.

Top candidates may be asked to participate in a brief telephone interview.

Recipient will be notified in writing no later than April 23, 2010 and is **required** to attend the School of Communication Alumni Association's annual meeting, to be held in August 2010, to accept the award.

Application Package Requirements

Application must be received in the same envelope including recommendation letters and transcript(s). **Incomplete or late applications will not be considered.** Include **all** of the following items in your application package:

- Completed and signed application, including any additional pages used for personal essays.
- Applicant photograph. Only head or shoulder shots, please.
- Official transcript(s) from all universities attended.
- A minimum of two letters of recommendation. These letters should address your ability to succeed in graduate level academic work. At least one of these letters should be from a professor who is familiar with your academic work.

Application Deadline

Application packages must be postmarked by **March 19, 2010** to be considered. Mail complete application package to:

SOCAA Scholarship Committee
c/o UH Alumni Association
P. O. Box 230345
Houston, Texas 77223-0345

**Questions? Call the University of Houston Alumni Association
at (713) 743-9550 for more information or e-mail us at alumni@uh.edu.**



Graduate Student Scholarship Application

Current Contact Information

Name: _____

PeopleSoft ID Number: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip code: _____ Country: _____

Phone number: _____ Email : _____

Permanent Contact Information (if different from above)

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip code: _____ Country: _____

Phone number: _____

Personal Information

Are you a US citizen?

Yes No

Are you a Texas resident?

Yes No

If not, in which state do you have residency? _____

Full time enrollment (9 hours) each semester is a requirement for this scholarship.

Check this box to acknowledge you understand this requirement and that if not met, award will be revoked.

Will you be employed while attending school?

Yes, full-time Yes, part-time No

Are you a member of the Houston Alumni Organization?

Yes No

Essays

Type your answers to the following questions on a separate page. Answer each question separately and number each accordingly.

1. Please describe your professional experiences in communications. This may include internship positions held, academic research conducted, and/or non-academic related jobs held.
2. What are your career goals, and how will this scholarship help you financially in reaching those goals?
3. Indicate any awards or honors you have received over the past five years.
4. Discuss your involvement in school activities and community service, and list any current or past leadership positions held relating to those activities.
5. Please discuss your reasons for pursuing graduate work in communications. You may include additional information you believe will help the committee in the selection process.

I hereby certify that to the best of my knowledge the information contained in this application is true and correct. I authorize the UH Alumni Association to verify any information relevant to my admission to the University of Houston or claims made herein. I agree to release any information concerning my records at the University of Houston to any federal, state, or private agency necessary for the administration of the scholarship program.

Applicant Signature: _____ Date: _____

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