

Application Form ☆ Fall 2012 Class ☆ September 4 to December 21  
**The Politics & Journalism Semester**

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*Students at our participating universities:* Check with your university nominating committee for its deadline for this application. Each participating university may submit up to two nominees per semester.

*Students at other universities:* Submit your application directly to the address that follows. Nominations and direct applications are due by April 6, 2012, and should be sent to Attn: Terry Michael, Director, Washington Center for Politics & Journalism. by U.S. Postal Service, to: P.O. Box 15239, Washington, DC 20003. By other air express: c/o 4th Floor Mail Rm, 600 New Hampshire Ave., NW Washington, DC 20037

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ / 20 \_\_\_\_\_  
Month Day Year

Applicant's Name:

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(Last Name) (First Name) (Full Middle Name)

Sex: \_\_\_M \_\_\_F Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ 19\_\_\_\_  
Month Day Year

U.S. Social Security Number: \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

Address, Telephone: (Include Zip & Area Codes)

Residence at School:

Permanent Residence (usually parents):

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Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

Email address (print very carefully): \_\_\_\_\_ @ \_\_\_\_\_

Parents' Names, Address(es) and Phone(s):

Father's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Mother's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

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Your University: \_\_\_\_\_

Your Major: (Describe fully)

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Academic Status:

Check the status you *expect to have as of September 4, 2012*:

\_\_\_\_\_ 1st \_\_\_\_\_ 2nd \_\_\_\_\_ 3rd ; \_\_\_\_\_ Semester \_\_\_\_\_ Quarter; \_\_\_\_\_ Junior \_\_\_\_\_ Senior

\_\_\_\_\_ Graduated with \_\_\_\_\_ BS \_\_\_\_\_ BA \_\_\_\_\_ MS \_\_\_\_\_ MA in Month: \_\_\_\_\_ Year: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Current Graduate Student ( \_\_\_\_\_ Masters \_\_\_\_\_ PhD) \_\_\_\_\_ Other Status: \_\_\_\_\_

Writing/Reporting Experience:

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Political Experience, direct or reporting:

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Type of News Bureau:

Check the types of news bureaus in which you would be interested in being placed, should you be selected, prioritizing by "1st", "2nd" and "3rd" choices:

\_\_\_\_\_ Daily Paper \_\_\_\_\_ Online \_\_\_\_\_ Radio \_\_\_\_\_ TV \_\_\_\_\_ Magazine/Newsletter

**Statement of Interest:** Attach a 100 to 250-word statement explaining why you want to participate in The Politics & Journalism Semester program.

**References:** Attach a list of three references *familiar with your reporting and writing*, with their job titles, addresses, phone numbers, and email addresses (essential, since we do ALL reference checks by email.)

**Writing Samples:** Attach copies of at least ten, but no more than 20, recent samples of your news-writing; published clips essential from print journalism students (good, easily readable copies on 8½ x 11" paper copied on one side of paper only;) broadcast students may submit scripts and digital audio and video samples of your work, but should include at least two longer-form writing samples.

**Resume:** Attach a current resume, including work experience and extracurricular activities.

**Photograph:** After you mail your application, please email, *as an attachment*, a 300 dpi digital file of a "headshot" photo, in a square format, to: terrymichael@wcpj.org (to be used in a class photo gallery, if selected for the program.)

**IMPORTANT:** Submit a TOTAL of THREE (3) copies -- the original plus two photocopies -- of your entire application, including attachments. All pages of application, including news clips, should be on standard letter-size paper (8½ x 11"), copied on one side of paper only. Please **collate** and clip each copy together; *please do not use folders or binders or staples*.

***Applications without all of the above submissions will not be accepted.  
Note: Please do not submit applications before March 16, 2012.***