



Dwight Lauderdale Scholarship

Applicant Requirements for 2020-2021 Academic Year

The Dwight Lauderdale Scholarship was developed to encourage and support college students as they study to become journalists.

Awards: Two (2) \$2,500 scholarships

Deadline: June 30, 2021

College Eligibility Requirements

All applicants must:

- Have a cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale (unweighted), and/or show active participation in journalism – i.e. classwork and activities, internships, and involvement in extracurricular activities related to journalism.
- Applicants must include a copy of an official transcript and a letter of acceptance from the college or university they plan to attend.
- Provide a two-page, double-spaced essay (600-800 words) addressing the following questions:
 1. Identify a black journalist past or present who has done and/or doing the kind of journalism you admire. Explain your selection.
 2. Identify a specific news story in the past year that you think fairly or unfairly covered the Black community. How would you report the story differently or not?
- Provide three letters of recommendation from either instructors, counselors, or administrators that indicate the student is of outstanding moral character and in good standing within the school community. These people should have personal knowledge of the applicant's academic and/or journalism-related performance that reflects suitability for the scholarship.
- Provide at least two samples of work that show the applicant's talent: print, video, digital submissions, and/or broadcast reel. Photographers and graphic artists should submit a small portfolio of their work.

Previous winners are not eligible to reapply for the Dwight Lauderdale Scholarship. Each finalist will undergo a personal interview with the NABJ-South Florida scholarship committee.

All materials must be submitted by **June 30, 2021.**

Please e-mail **completed application, official transcript, essay, three (3) letters of recommendation, and at least two (2) samples of work** to: chughes@wplg.com.

[Click here](#) to complete and submit your application.