

2021  
**JOHN S. KNIGHT  
LUDEL SAUVAGEOT AWARDS**

**FIVE \$5,000 JOURNALISM SCHOLARSHIPS  
ONE \$5,000 PUBLIC RELATIONS SCHOLARSHIP  
THREE \$5,000 AKRON PRESS CLUB SCHOLARSHIP**

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**THE AKRON PRESS CLUB  
JOHN S. KNIGHT MEMORIAL JOURNALISM FUND**

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The John S. Knight Memorial Journalism Fund Inc. annually awards scholarships to college journalism, public relations and communications students, with preference given to students from Summit, Portage, Medina, Stark and Wayne counties. The scholarships are awarded in memory of John S. Knight, longtime editor of the Akron Beacon Journal and founder of Knight Ridder newspapers. Another scholarship honors the memory of longtime public relations professional and professor Ludel Sauvageot.

This year, five students each will be awarded a \$5,000 Knight scholarship. One will win the \$5,000 Sauvageot scholarship. Another student will receive the Russ Pry scholarship, a memorial scholarship for the late Summit County executive, for \$5,000 sponsored by the Akron Press Club, which will also award two additional \$5,000 scholarships through the generosity of Dr. Aileen Thong.

Scholarship guidelines are as follows:

1. The applicant must be active in any facet of journalism and/or public relations. Applicants must be in good academic standing at a college or university.
2. The applicant should be a freshman, sophomore, junior or senior in the fall of 2021
3. Financial need will be considered.
4. Previous John S. Knight or Ludel Sauvageot scholarship winners will be considered.

These are guidelines only and are not intended to limit the discretion of the fund.

The scholarship committee of the John S. Knight Memorial Journalism Fund and the Akron Press Club has the responsibility of soliciting applications, screening candidates and making recommendations to the board of trustees of the John S. Knight Memorial Journalism Fund Inc. The board has the sole authority for the awarding of the scholarships. Questions can be directed to [jsknightscholars@gmail.com](mailto:jsknightscholars@gmail.com) or (330) 800-0236.

Applications can be downloaded from the Internet: <https://knightscholars.org/> **Important note:** The screening committee looks carefully at whether instructions (e.g. no staples) were followed as well as general writing mechanics: spelling, grammar and punctuation. Make sure you send us your best work.

Mailed applications should be postmarked by March 5, 2021, and addressed to:

John S. Knight Scholarship Committee  
P. O. Box 2181  
Akron, Ohio 44309

**JOHN S. KNIGHT MEMORIAL JOURNALISM FUND**  
and the **AKRON PRESS CLUB**  
invite applications for the  
**JOHN S. KNIGHT MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIPS**  
**LUDEL SAUVAGEOT PUBLIC RELATIONS SCHOLARSHIP**  
**AKRON PRESS CLUB SCHOLARSHIPS**

Available to majors in all facets of journalism and public relations living in or attending school in Medina, Portage, Stark Summit or Wayne counties in Ohio. Students must be in school in the fall of 2021 to receive the scholarship.

**APPLICATION MUST BE POSTMARKED BY MARCH 5, 2021**

(Must be neatly reproduced or copied)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Where can we reach you in early April? (phone number and address): \_\_\_\_\_

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Home address, if different from above: \_\_\_\_\_

School you attend: \_\_\_\_\_

Year in school (please check): \_\_\_ FRESHMAN \_\_\_ SOPHOMORE \_\_\_ JUNIOR \_\_\_ SENIOR

Major: \_\_\_\_\_

Month / year of anticipated graduation: \_\_\_\_\_

High school you graduated from: \_\_\_\_\_ Year: \_\_\_\_\_

Father's name: \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_

Mother's name: \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_

*Use separate sheet if necessary or submit resume*

Professional goals upon graduation: \_\_\_\_\_

Journalism/public relations experience: \_\_\_\_\_

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School activities: \_\_\_\_\_

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Nonjournalism/pre-employment: \_\_\_\_\_

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Awards and honors: \_\_\_\_\_

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**With this application, include the following**

*(Please follow directions carefully. Applications that do not follow these guidelines may be disqualified)*

**NO FOLDERS and NO STAPLES**

- A current transcript (DO NOT send separately)
- A 325-375 word autobiography
- A separate statement explaining why this scholarship would be important to you
- Samples of your work (Maximum of three)
  - Printed clips, sample press releases and brochures must be on one side of an 8.5 x 11 inch paper (continuations/jumps of articles should be on a separate sheet).
  - You may direct judges to digital samples using a working url/link (e.g. YouTube, your personal website/digital portfolio).
  - Public relations majors may submit an example of a project or information campaign, including brochures, press kits and other related material, as well as provide a link to your work
  - Broadcast entries: Please include a link (url) directing judges to where you have uploaded your samples (e.g. YouTube, personal websites).
  - Photojournalist entries: Direct judges to your digital portfolio link.
  - Please make sure that we receive the correct and working link as it will be the judges only means of screening your work. We do not accept discs or tapes.
  
- Letters of reference (1 to 3 letters - DO NOT send separately)
- A small head shot of yourself (black and white or color; be sure your name is on the back)

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**RELEASE FOR COPYING PURPOSES  
Must be signed and included in application packet**

I am applying for a **John S. Knight** or **Ludel Sauvageot Memorial** scholarship and am including examples of my work as part of the application. By submitting this application, I hereby release all those involved in the scholarship judging process, including photocopying establishments, from any and all liability or copyright infringement. This release is for one time only, constituting fair use for purposes of this scholarship application. I reserve all other rights.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_