

Iowa Newspaper Foundation **SCHOLARSHIPS**

for students preparing
for careers in media!

2025-2026 Academic Year



The Iowa Newspaper Foundation offers scholarships for Iowa college students preparing for a career in media. Students at any class level (college freshman through senior in the fall of 2024) are encouraged to apply. Scholarship awards typically range between \$500 and \$1,000.

Scholarships to be awarded for the 2025-2026 academic year include—

Carter Pitts Scholarships

The Le Mars Daily Sentinel funds an annual Carter Pitts scholarship in the amount of \$500. The scholarship is named for the Daily Sentinel's longtime publisher/owner. The late Carter Pitts was also the first president of the Iowa Newspaper Foundation and the organization's first professional fundraiser.

In addition, the Carter Pitts Scholarship Endowment Fund generates an annual scholarship. The amount of the award will be determined in early 2025.

INF Scholarships

The Iowa Newspaper Foundation will award scholarships to Iowa students preparing for an Iowa newspaper career at in-state colleges or universities.

Woodward Scholarship

Funded by a contribution from Woodward Communications, Inc. An annual scholarship award will go to a student studying journalism, communications, mass communications, photojournalism, graphic design, marketing or public relations at a college or university in Iowa, Illinois, or Wisconsin. The amount of each Woodward scholarship will be based on fund earnings and will be determined in early 2025.

Shaw Scholarship

Funded by a contribution from Shaw Newspapers. An annual scholarship award will go to an incoming college freshman preparing for a journalism or communications career at an accredited two or four-year college or university in the United States.

This scholarship is awarded to students who are dependents of men or women who work for Iowa newspapers. The amount of each Shaw scholarship will be based on fund earnings and will be determined in early 2025.

Morlan Scholarship

The Morlan Scholarship is funded by long-time newspaper publishers and owners, Frank and Sally Morlan. The scholarship will award an Iowa high school senior, from a city or community of fewer than 10,000, enrolling in a two-year or four-year journalism program at an Iowa institution of higher learning or a student already enrolled in an Iowa institution of higher learning.

Iowa Journalism Institute (IJI) Scholarships

Funded by a contribution from Michael Gartner and Gary Gerlach of Des Moines, the IJI will award scholarships to up to two students enrolled in Iowa State University's Greenlee School of Journalism and Communication. These scholarships will be given in the name of the late David W. Belin, longtime business partner of Gerlach and Gartner.

The balance of available IJI funds will be used to provide scholarships to students interested in Iowa community newspaper careers and who are enrolled in an accredited undergraduate or graduate program in newspaper journalism (or a closely related field) at any college or university in the nation.

The amount of each scholarship is based on IJI endowment fund earnings and will be determined in early 2025.

Jack Hovelson Scholarship

Funded by friends and family of longtime Iowa newspaper reporter and former Des Moines Register Northeast Iowa Bureau chief, Jack Hovelson, an annual \$500 scholarship will be awarded to a sophomore, junior or senior at University of Northern Iowa or Iowa State University. Applicants must demonstrate dedication to print or digital journalism, and exhibit curiosity, creativity and integrity in reporting news--notable characteristics of Hovelson's career.

Application notes:

- The INF Scholarship Committee, when reviewing applications, will consider all applications that qualify for each of the scholarships offered. It is not necessary to apply for a specific scholarship award.
- Application materials are sent to all high school guidance offices in Iowa and can also be obtained from the Iowa Newspaper Foundation.
- The deadline for applications is February 14, 2025. Awards will be announced by May 2, 2025. All applicants will be notified by mail.
- Proceeds for all scholarships awarded by the Iowa Newspaper Foundation will be paid directly to the college or university. Each scholarship granted will be for the upcoming academic year and not on an ongoing basis. Students, however, may apply for and may qualify for scholarships in subsequent years.
- For more information, see your School Counselor or contact the Iowa Newspaper Foundation at (515) 244-2145 ext. 159.