

UTA Student Publications

Rookie Scholarship Application

As funds are available, UTA Student Publications makes scholarships available to students who have been selected to be on the staff of *The Shorthorn*, the UTA student newspaper, for the first time and are either entering UTA for the first time or have been enrolled in classes at UTA for no more than one semester at the time of application.

Selection will be based on the following criteria:

1. Selection to be on the staff of *The Shorthorn* during the award semester.
2. Contributions to school publications at a high school or community college, or other journalism experience.
3. Academic accomplishment: A minimum GPA of 2.5 on a 4.0 scale (or its equivalent) or an associate's degree from a community college.
4. Intent to pursue a career in journalism or other media-related profession.
5. Financial need.
6. Motivation and determination to succeed: positive attitude and approach to journalism, willingness to go beyond the minimum expected, etc.

To apply, complete this application form and return it and all supporting materials (listed in the application) to Lloyd Goodman, UTA Student Publications Director; Box 19038; Arlington, TX 76019.

- **Deadlines:** Review of applications for fall semester Rookie Scholarships will begin after the priority application deadline date of July 15. Review of applications for spring semester Rookie Scholarships will begin after the priority application deadline date of Nov. 30. Priority will be given to applications received by those dates. Applications received after those dates will be considered if additional funds are available. (Note that these dates may not be the same as application deadlines for other UTA scholarships.)
- **Incomplete applications will not be considered.**
- **Notification:** Applicants will be notified of Rookie Scholarship decisions after Shorthorn editors have made staffing decisions. This notification will be prior to the beginning of classes for the scholarship semester. This will be approximately mid-August for fall semester applicants and early January for spring-semester applicants.

Semester of scholarship period: Fall ___; Spring ___. Year 200__

PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE ALL INFORMATION

Name: _____

UTA Student ID No. _____
(If you do not yet have a UTA Student ID number, leave blank.)

Current Address: _____

Phone Number: _____ E-mail address: _____

Education: By applying for this scholarship, the applicant affirms that he or she will be enrolled in classes at UTA for a minimum of six credit hours throughout the semester for which the scholarship is awarded.

School at which you were most recently enrolled other than UTA: _____

Overall GPA _____ If a college student, GPA in major courses: _____

Intended academic major at UTA: _____

Honors and awards received (use additional sheet if needed)

Journalism Experience (use additional sheet if needed, or attach your resume)

Name of Publication School or City Position(s) You Held and Date(s) You Held Each One

Financial Information

Financial need (check one): Great _____ Average _____ Slight _____

What percentage of your college expenses will you be expected to provide? _____%

Please list all scholarships, grants, fellowships, loans or other financial assistance you will receive for the period this scholarship will cover (use additional sheet if needed):

Name of Award/Loan

Grantor

Amount

_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

Also list all scholarships, grants, fellowships, loans or other financial assistance for which you have applied for the period this scholarship will cover but for which you have not yet been notified of the award decision (use additional sheet if needed):

Name of Award/Loan	Grantor	Amount
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

Nepotism Information: The following information is required by the State of Texas:

State law also requires that students identify any relation to a current member of the University of Texas System Board of Regents. A student who is related to a current member of the Board of Regents is prohibited from receiving scholarships unless the scholarship is awarded exclusively based on academic merit or is an athletic scholarship.

Are you related to any member of the UT System Board of Regents? _____

If yes, please identify the Board member and the relationship: _____

Applicable relationships include the following:

1. *Regent's spouse, spouse's child, spouse's parent, child's spouse, parent's spouse.*
2. *Regent's spouse's brother or sister, spouse's grandparent, spouse's grandchild.*
3. *Regent's parent, daughter, son.*
4. *Regent's brother, sister, grandparent, grandchild, or*
5. *Regent's great-grandparent, great-grandchild, uncle or aunt (brother or sister of parent), nephew or niece (son or daughter or brother or sister)*

Shorthorn staff status: Any award is contingent on the applicant's being selected for a Shorthorn staff position and remaining in that position for the full scholarship semester. Editors will make staff decisions prior to the beginning of the semester. If you have not yet applied for a Shorthorn staff position, include that application with this Rookie Scholarship application. (Shorthorn staff application forms are available online at www.theshorthorn.com.)

Supporting Information. To complete your application, attach the following items to this completed application form:

1. a one-page single-spaced statement explaining what you hope to achieve in your career in journalism or a related profession.
2. photocopies of 5-10 samples of your best journalistic work and/or three recent copies of your school newspaper with a note explaining your specific contributions to each issue. All work submitted as work samples must be your original work. (Photocopies of your work are preferred to original copies because we cannot guarantee their return.)

3. a copy of your current transcript. (If you are enrolled at UTA but do not yet have a UTA GPA, include the transcript from your previous college or high school.)
4. your completed application for a *Shorthorn* staff position.
5. two reference letters from persons who can speak to your journalistic accomplishments to date and your potential in journalism/mass communications.

If any of these materials have already been submitted to UTA Student Publications as part of an application for a Shorthorn staff position, please list them here or on a separate sheet:

I certify that all information here and on all supporting materials submitted with this application is accurate and that I meet all stated criteria for the scholarship for which I am applying.

applicant's signature

date of application

applicant's name printed

You may be entitled to know what information The University of Texas at Arlington (UT Arlington) collects concerning you. You may review and have UT Arlington correct this information according to procedures set forth in UTS 139. The law is found in sections 552.021, 552.023 and 559.004 of the Texas Government Code.