



ILLINOIS PRESS FOUNDATION/EIU JOURNALISM WORKSHOP

ABOUT THE PROGRAM

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NAME _____ AGE _____

STREET _____ CITY _____ ZIP _____

HOME PHONE (____) _____ CELL PHONE (____) _____

EMAIL _____ PARENTS' NAMES _____

SCHOOL _____ GRADE IN FALL 2016 _____

GPA IS ____ ON ____ SCALE WORKED ON HS media (circle one) Yes No

ETHNICITY (circle one) African-American Hispanic Asian-American Caucasian Other

SEND THIS FORM TO Joe Gisoni, c/o EIU Journalism Dept., 600 Lincoln Ave., Charleston, IL 61920 or email to jjgisoni@eiu.edu. *Deadline is May 12, 2016.* Submit recommendation letters, writing examples, and personal essay with this application form.

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Instruction – Professional journalists provide most of the instruction through presentations and hands-on exercises. Students start reporting immediately, beginning with a story by the end of the first day. By the end of the 12 days, students will write at least three stories, take at least two news photos, report through social media, post stories on a news website, and edit/design. More than 30 journalists assist each year, representing news organizations throughout Illinois and from nearby states. In past years, journalists have included those from the (Arlington Heights) *Daily Herald*, Associated Press, (Champaign) *News-Gazette*, *Chicago Sun-Times*, *Chicago Tribune*, (Decatur) *Herald & Review*, ESPN, Ft. Wayne (Ind.) *Journal-Gazette*, *Indianapolis Star*, *Jet* magazine, *Mattoon Journal-Gazette* & *Charleston Times-Courier*, *Peoria Journal-Star*, (Robinson) *Daily News*, *St. Louis Post-Dispatch*, *Pinckneyville Press*, *Lebanon Advertiser*, *Taylorville Breeze-Courier*, *Star-Tribune*.

Internship – In the second week, students intern at several newspapers. Sites typically include the *Champaign News-Gazette*, *Charleston Times-Courier* & *Mattoon Journal-Gazette*, *Decatur Herald & Review*, *Robinson Daily News*, *Taylorville Breeze-Courier*, and *Effingham Daily News*. For three days, students are driven to participating papers, where they work with journalists on assignments, which range from coverage of murder trials to interviewing the governor to exploring county fairs.

Field trips – For entertainment as well as instruction, students will participate in several other field trips. Students have toured the Ernie Pyle Museum, a local Amish community, Lincoln Library in Springfield, Lincoln Log Cabin (once a working farm for Abraham Lincoln's parents), and hiked through Turkey Run State Park.

Funding – The bulk of funds is provided by the Illinois Press Foundation. The Dow Jones News Fund and the McCormick Foundation are also significant contributors to the program. Housing, meals and tuition are paid from these funds.

Application requirements – Students must complete an application form that is available at Eastern Illinois University's journalism dept website – <http://www.eiu.edu/journal/workshops.php>. Other requirements are (1) completion of sophomore year in high school, (2) a 500-word essay by the student describing his/her career goals and how the workshop would help achieve those goals; (3) submission of three samples of the student's writing, preferably published non-fiction or graded essays; (4) two letters of recommendation from the student's teachers/advisers. If possible, email all materials as documents, scans or PDFs to the email address below. Final application **deadline is May 12, 2016**, but entries may be judged and internship slots filled earlier. So apply early.

Need more information? Contact Joe Gisoni, workshop director, 2016 IPF/EIU High School Journalism Workshop, by phone (217.581.6003), fax (217.581.7188) or e-mail (jjgisoni@eiu.edu)