

OIDJ APPLICATION

Oklahoma Institute for Diversity in Journalism Multi-media Journalism Workshop for High School Students June 11-19, 2009

APPLICATION DEADLINE: April 24, 2009

The application process requires completion of this form and supplemental materials. Applicants must be high school students who will be juniors, seniors for the 2009-2010 school year or who will graduate from high school in May/June 2009. Journalism experience is not required, but good writing skills are essential. The workshops are open to all Oklahoma high school students, but sponsors strongly encourage applications from students who would otherwise lack access to journalism training or who face other barriers to pursuing careers in journalism. Strong consideration is given to students who understand and appreciate the value of diversity in today's mass media.

Name _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip code _____

Phone _____ E-mail: _____

Grade level _____ GPA _____

Date of Birth _____ Sex: M ___ F ___

High School _____

Ethnicity (mark all that apply):

Caucasian ___ African American ___

Hispanic/Latino ___ Asian American ___

Native American* ___ Pacific Islander ___

Other _____

*Tribal affiliation _____

Activities in which you have participated (mark all that apply):

School newspaper ___ Journalism class(es) ___

Speech/Debate ___ Photography ___

Drama ___ Yearbook ___

TV/Radio ___ Multi-media (online) ___ Community newspaper ___

See reverse side for list of supplemental material.

The following items MUST accompany your application. Students with incomplete applications will not be considered.

- A letter of recommendation from a principal teacher, adviser or employer who is familiar with your skills and personal characteristics. A recommendation or endorsement from any of the above can be forwarded via email or phone call to the director.
- A copy of your high school transcript.
- Samples of appropriate work. This can include such items as high school newspaper articles, stories from journalism class, video/digital media samples, pamphlets or brochures that you designed, etc. – any items that will aid our selection committee in making their final choices.
- A brief essay on the following:

Why do you consider diversity to be an important and necessary component of mass media today, and how do you think you can contribute to the effort to diversify the press?

(Note: Diversity pertains to inclusion of all segments of society with respect to race, color, creed, national origin, ancestry, citizenship, gender, sexual orientation, religion, age, disability or social class.)

Mail your completed application and material to:

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