

# OIDJ APPLICATION

Oklahoma Institute for Diversity in Journalism  
Multi-media Journalism Workshops for High School Students  
June 8-14, 2008

APPLICATION DEADLINE: May 7, 2008

The application process requires completion of this form and supplemental materials. Applicants must be high school students who will be juniors or seniors for the 2008-2009 school year or who will graduate from high school in May 2008. Journalism experience is not required, but good writing skills are essential. The workshops are open to all Oklahoma and regional 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 \_\_\_

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

- A letter of recommendation or personal endorsement from a principal, teacher, adviser or employer who is familiar with your skills and personal characteristics. Endorsements via phone call or email to the director will be accepted. Advisers can reserve a slot for their student by calling the director directly.

- 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 1 to 2 page 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 or fax your completed application and material to:

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