Journalism Scholarships

Thomas S. Deats, Jr. Memorial Award for Excellence
This award was established in memory of long-time UND Communication professor Tom Deats and the high standards he set for his students. **It is given to a student who is a junior or senior with an emphasis in visual journalism.** Criteria for selection include consideration of grade point average, particularly in journalism professional and theoretical courses, as well as demonstrated interest and activity in the areas of print journalism, graphics, and/or photography. The recipient will be selected by the faculty members of the Communication Program who teach journalism courses.

Nelson Memorial Journalism Scholarship
This scholarship is awarded to a promising journalism scholar. **Recipients must have distinguished themselves in their academic performance and show the potential to be accomplished members of the journalism profession.**

Grand Forks Herald Scholarship
This scholarship is supported by the Grand Forks Herald. **It is awarded to a scholar with an interest in a print journalism career.**

Robert J. Hagen Memorial Journalism Scholarship
Colleagues at the Star Tribune in Minneapolis, and family and friends, established this scholarship in honor and memory of Bob Hagen, a 1967 UND journalism graduate. Hagen spent 26 years as a journalist for the Star Tribune. In 1975, he was one of the first ten journalists in the United States selected to study at Columbia University under the Knight-Bagehot Fellowship, a prestigious yearlong course of study. **The scholarship is intended for a student showing high achievement.**

John Hulteng News Editorial Scholarships
The first of these scholarships was established by John L. Hulteng, a 1944 UND graduate. Hulteng served as dean of the University of Oregon School of Journalism and professor of journalism at Stanford. He was a recipient of the University of North Dakota Alumni Association's highest honor, the Sioux Award, in 1972. **The scholarship is intended for a student with an emphasis in journalism who has a strong academic performance and the potential for career achievement.** After his death in 1996, a bequest made funds available for a second scholarship, which is designated for minority students.

Charles “Chuck” Johnson Scholarship
This scholarship was established to honor Chuck Johnson, a well-known sports journalist. **The recipient of this scholarship will demonstrate experience and/or interest in sports journalism and intend to pursue a career in sports journalism.**

James Kertz Scholarship
This scholarship was established by James Kertz in gratitude for the quality of education that he felt he received at UND. Recipients must be communication **juniors or seniors who are emphasizing print journalism and have an acceptable academic record.**
Robert Kunkel Memorial Scholarship
The National Agri-Marketing Association established this scholarship fund in memory of 1938 UND journalism graduate Robert S. Kunkel, who played an instrumental role in founding the association. This scholarship is awarded on the basis of academic achievement, moral character, and leadership. **The recipient must have an interest in a career in journalism. Preference will be given to applicants who show an interest in agri-marketing journalism.**

Wayne W. Lubenow Scholarship
The family, friends and colleagues of well-known North Dakota journalist and commentator Wayne Lubenow established this award in 1991. Lubenow was a 1950 journalism graduate who wrote columns for regional newspapers for more than 40 years. **This scholarship is awarded to juniors or seniors who emphasize writing for print journalism in their academic career.**

Adrian R. Dunn Memorial Scholarship
Family and friends of Adrian R. Dunn, executive director of the North Dakota Education Association who died in 1986, endowed this scholarship. A UND graduate, Dunn taught journalism in North Dakota high schools before extending his work in education to the statewide association. **The scholarship benefits students with degree programs in journalism or political science with preference given to students who combine both aspects into their course of study.**

Marilyn Hagerty/Grand Forks Herald Scholarship (awarded spring, 2012)
This scholarship is awarded biannually **to a woman in journalism and/or basketball.** Marilyn Hagerty, a long-time writer of columns and feature stories for the *Grand Forks Herald*, provides for this scholarship through proceeds from her book, *Echoes.*

Mark L. Carlson Community Journalism Scholarship
The Mark L. Carlson Community Journalism Scholarship was established within the UND Foundation in 2006 to recognize Carlson’s devotion to community journalism. This endowment, initiated by a gift from the North Dakota Newspaper Association, will support priority projects within the Communication Program, including **scholarships to deserving community journalism students.**

Frances Leach-Blanche Lynch Memorial Scholarship
In 1956, Frances Leach, a journalist and teacher, endowed this scholarship. She moved to North Dakota in 1950 with her husband, Tom Leach, who was instrumental in discovering oil in the Williston Basin. The Tom and Frances Leach Foundation now grant funds for this annual scholarship in memory of Frances Leach’s friend Blanch Lynch, a longtime editor for the Minot Daily News. This scholarship may be awarded to more than one recipient. **The recipient of this award must have the promise of distinction based on scholarship, character, leadership, need and interest in journalism as a career.**

Mildred Lippincott Memorial Journalism Scholarship
This scholarship was established to honor Mildred Lippincott, a 1928 graduate who was actively involved in the Dakota Student newspaper and the UND yearbook. **The scholarship is awarded to a recipient who intends to pursue a career in journalism and can demonstrate the potential for success in this field.**

M. M. Oppegard Scholarships
The first of these scholarships was set up by the Grand Forks Herald in 1969 and serves as a memorial to Oppegard, who had been the publisher of the Herald for 40 years. **The recipient must be a communication junior or senior with an interest in journalism.** The second of these scholarships was established by Helen Oppegard in honor of her husband. **This scholarship is awarded to outstanding Communication Program scholars.**
Joseph and Verona Mader Scholarship
Distinguished journalism alumnus Mel Ruder (1937 and 1942), who once published the Hungry Horse News in Montana and won a Pulitzer Prize, created this scholarship to honor a teacher who influenced his life. This scholarship is dedicated to Joseph Mader, chair of the UND Department of Journalism from 1932 to 1936. It is awarded to a senior communication major with an interest in a career in journalism.

Public Speaking Scholarships

Ad Altiora Scholarship
This scholarship was established by a bequest of J. F. T. O'Connor. It is named for an early UND Debating Society and is awarded to an applicant who has demonstrated outstanding public speaking skills. The recipient must plan on continued participation in public speaking.

Advertising and Public Relations Scholarships

E. E. “Mick” Simmons Memorial Scholarship
Friends, associates and family of the late “Mick” Simmons and the Simmons Advertising Agency established this award to honor Simmons, an award-winning graduate of UND who received journalism and business degrees in 1938. He founded the Simmons Advertising Agency in Grand Forks. The scholarship is awarded to a junior or senior who has a commitment to a degree in advertising and is involved in campus activities.

Communication Program Public Relations Scholarship
This scholarship honors the 1971 UND graduate Paula Grawe Nelson. The recipient must be a woman at the sophomore, junior, or senior level who is committed to a career in public relations.

Beulah Rom Gullekson Scholarship
Beulah Gullekson, a 1936 UND graduate and recipient of the 1995 UND Alumni Association’s Sioux Award, created this award for a junior or senior in Communication. Gullekson, who was raised on a ranch near Denbigh, North Dakota, had a long career in teaching journalism and public relations. She served as executive vice-president and financial officer of Gullekson Associates, a consulting firm. Priority is given to students with an emphasis in public relations.

Radio/Broadcast Scholarships

Charles Burke Broadcasting Scholarship
This scholarship honors Charles G. Burke, a long-time broadcaster and manager of KFGO in Fargo. Burke was president of the North Dakota Broadcasters’ Association from 1957 to 1958, and the NDBA dedicated this award to Burke in 1959. The recipient must be a sophomore or above, maintain a grade point average of 2.0 or above, and intend to pursue a career in radio or television.

David Beach Memorial Scholarship
This scholarship was established in memory of David Beach, who came to UND as a speech instructor in 1961 and spent many years as general manager of KFJM. Beach was also well-known throughout the community as the voice of UND hockey. The Beach family wishes this scholarship to be awarded to one student who has an interest in broadcast. The recipient must have completed two semesters of working at KFJM and hold a minimum grade point average of 2.3. Selection of this recipient will be made by the KFJM staff in consultation with the Director of the Undergraduate Communication Program, and will be applied to the recipient’s tuition and fees.
General Communication Scholarships

Russell T. Asleson Scholarship
This scholarship was endowed by and in memory of Russell T. Asleson, who was a 1940 UND journalism graduate. It was awarded for the first time in 2008 and is presented annually to a junior majoring in Communication with financial need.

Mildred Veitch West Memorial Scholarship
This scholarship goes to a student who has “demonstrated ability and the motivation to seek the highest level of achievement.” It was established in 1992 by Mildred Veitch West’s son in appreciation of his mother’s North Dakota roots and her journalism education at UND. West graduated from UND in 1912.

Ellen Dahl Hill Memorial Scholarship
This scholarship honors the memory of Ellen Dahl Hill, who dedicated her life to education. From her brief time attending the University of North Dakota to her numerous years of teaching, Ellen Dahl Hill’s was a positive influence on everyone around her. This scholarship is awarded to outstanding communication students who give service to this community.

Grace Sorlie and Stella Mann Scholarship
Ruth Sorlie Edick, a 1939 UND graduate, established this endowment to honor the memory of her mother and aunt. This generous endowment supports scholarships and priority projects within the Communication Program.

Victor Rose Memorial Scholarship (awarded Spring, 2013)
This scholarship is awarded triennially to history, communication, or banking/finance students. Qualification is based on high academic achievement.

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Scholarships for Minority Students

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