



2021 SPJ San Diego Area Journalism Competition SCHOLARSHIP COMPETITION INFORMATION

SPJ San Diego will award up to five \$1,000 scholarships to local college students in the categories of print, photojournalism and video/audio/multimedia. We are also awarding two \$1,000 scholarships in honor of former *North County Times* columnist Agnes Diggs and former *San Diego Union-Tribune* reporter Bradley Fikes. Applicants may submit an application in multiple categories (e.g., print, photo and a memorial scholarship) *but can win only one award*. Scholarships are open to all current college students, including those who will have already graduated by the July awards presentation, except for the Agnes Diggs award, which is open only to students who have at least one semester of studies before graduation.

The deadline for scholarship application is 9:00 PM Monday, May 3, 2021

Agnes Diggs Scholarship

San Diego SPJ administers the Rancho Santa Fe Foundation's Agnes Diggs Scholarship. This scholarship, named for *North County Times* columnist Agnes Diggs, is open to San Diego County journalism and communications sophomores, juniors or seniors attending college full or part-time at the time of application. The scholarship is open only to college students who have at least one more semester or quarter (Fall 2021), as the money is paid directly to the school. Applicants should demonstrate a commitment to community improvement in their essays. Priority is given to students from underserved communities and the contest is open to all journalism formats (print, photojournalism and video/audio/multimedia).

Bradley J. Fikes Scholarship

This year, we're proud to announce a new \$1,000 scholarship award. The Bradley J. Fikes Scholarship honors the exemplary career of the late reporter, who wrote for *The Daily Transcript*, *North County Times* and *San Diego Union-Tribune*. In recognition of Bradley's contributions to science and technology journalism, preference will be given to applicants who have an interest in these areas. The scholarship is open to all journalism formats (print, photojournalism and video/audio/multimedia). Entrants may submit a combination of formats.

Instructions

To be considered for one of these scholarships, applicants must write an essay *of no more than 500 words* that explains their career goals, their journalism experience and why they should be chosen for this award. Entrants must also submit at least two — and no more than three — examples of work. To be clear, to win the print category, you must submit 2-3 articles; to win the photo category, you must submit 2-3 photos, and to win the multimedia category, you must submit 2-3 works. **Attach all articles, video/audio or photos to your entry and don't forget your essay.** Submissions must have been published in 2020 and must be electronic — e.g., URLs, PDFs, JPGs or a digital link. Mailed copies will not be accepted.

To enter, go to www.betterbnc.com and create an account for yourself under “Open Call Contestant.” Then go to “Manage Entries” and click on “Make entry.” Under “Division,” choose “Scholarships” and then choose which scholarship you wish to apply for and follow the instructions from there. If you need help with this or have any questions, please contact spj.sandiego@cox.net.

Winners will be announced prior to our annual awards event and the scholarships will be distributed at that time.