

2023 SPJ San Diego Area Journalism Competition SCHOLARSHIP COMPETITION INFORMATION

SPJ San Diego will award up to five \$1,500 scholarships to local college students in the categories of print, photojournalism and video/audio/multimedia. We are also awarding one \$1,400 scholarship in honor of former *North County Times* columnist Agnes Diggs and one \$1,000 scholarship in honor of former *San Diego Union-Tribune* reporter Bradley J. Fikes.

Students may submit an application in multiple scholarship categories (e.g., print, photo and a memorial scholarship) and past awardees are eligible to apply. Unlike in past years, the same recipient can win one of our print, multimedia or photography scholarships as well as one of our special scholarships (see below). 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.

The deadline for scholarship applications is 9 p.m. Monday, April 17, 2023.

Agnes Diggs Road to College 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 freshmen, sophomores, juniors or seniors with at least one semester left who are 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 2022), 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

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. It 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: you must submit two to three articles to the print category, two to three photos for the photography category or two to three works for the multimedia category. Attach all articles, video/audio or photos to your entry and don't forget your essay. Submissions must have been published between Jan. 1, 2022, and Dec. 31, 2022, and must be electronic — e.g., URLs, PDFs, JPGs or a digital link.

For questions, please contact sdspcollege@gmail.com.

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