

Indiana University School of Journalism

**JOINT APPLICATION**

**Ernie Pyle Scholars Honors Program Application  
Freshman Scholarship Application**

**Class of 2008**

*Welcome!*

Filling out this single application will make you eligible for two programs at the Indiana University School of Journalism.

- Honors: We are recruiting Ernie Pyle Scholars for Fall 2008, the third class of our new honors program at the Indiana University School of Journalism. We plan to admit 18-20 students into this class.
- Scholarships: We are also offering freshman scholarships for promising students who plan to major in journalism.

We have tried to make this application user-friendly. However, if you have problems, feel free to contact us at [boeyink@indiana.edu](mailto:boeyink@indiana.edu).

*More opportunities*

As you fill out this application, here are a few things to keep in mind:

- ***IU application needed:*** A separate application to Indiana University is required. Acceptance into the School of Journalism Ernie Pyle Scholars Honors Program does not automatically qualify you for admission to IU. Information on applying to Indiana University can be found at <http://www.indiana.edu/~iuadmit/>.
- ***Hutton Honors College:*** Indiana University-Bloomington has its own honors program through the Hutton Honors College. You can be part of both if you qualify. Up to three honors courses taken in the School of Journalism can be counted toward the total number of honors courses needed in the Hutton Honors College. For more information, see <http://www.indiana.edu/~iubhonor/>. Note: You are still eligible for the School of Journalism Honors Program even if you do not to apply to (or are not accepted in) Hutton Honors College.

- ***IU scholarships:*** You may also be eligible for scholarships offered by Indiana University. For information on student financial assistance at IU, see <http://www.indiana.edu/~sfa/>.
- ***Early admission to honors:*** Your application must be postmarked no later than Friday, February 1, 2008. Final decisions will be made by the end of February. However, we will review all applications as soon as they are submitted. Outstanding candidates will be eligible for an early admission decision to the honors program.

## *Instructions*

1. You have opened this Word document (Application2008.doc). Make sure the application has been downloaded to your computer's desktop.
2. Using the saved electronic file, type in the information requested on the third page of the application (everything preceding the essays). When possible, type the data on the line provided, beginning after the colon. For longer sections, type the information directly below each relevant section. (*The space available will expand as needed to contain all your information, adding multiple pages as needed.*)
3. When you have completed the personal and educational information sections of the application (excluding the essays), print out the complete application.
4. Write the three essays in a *new* Word document. Essays should be typed and double-spaced. Begin each essay on a separate page. (Note: the first two essays should each fit on a single page.)
5. Print out final copies of your essays.
6. Keep an electronic and paper copy of all application materials for your records.
7. Assemble the materials as follows:
  - a. Personal and Educational information from application form.
  - b. Three essays, printed in a separate document.
  - c. Official school transcript.
  - d. Up to three letters of recommendation (optional, but recommended).  
Recommendations can be sent separately by the recommender or placed in a sealed envelope, signed by the recommender across the back flap, and included in your packet.
  - e. Up to three pieces of published journalism work (optional).
8. Deadline: All materials must be postmarked on or before February 1, 2008.
9. Mail to:  
David Boeyink, Director  
IU School of Journalism Honors Program  
940 E. Seventh St.  
Bloomington, IN 47405
10. Questions?  
E-mail [boeyink@indiana.edu](mailto:boeyink@indiana.edu) or call (812) 855-9821.

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*I wish to be considered for a freshman journalism scholarship.*

**Personal Information**

Name: (Last, First, Middle):

E-mail address:

Telephone:

Parents' or Guardians' Names and Addresses:

**Education**

Name of High School:

Address of High School:

SAT scores (Verbal/Math/Writing):

ACT scores (English/Math/Composite):

Unweighted GPA: (e.g. 3.8/4.0=3.8 on a 4.0 scale)

Weighted GPA: (include if applicable)

Rank in Class: (e.g. 15<sup>th</sup> of 178)

Describe your journalism activities, both in high school and, if relevant, in your community. Include your precise role and the length of time in each role. Feel free to list all major accomplishments (not including honors or awards):

List your non-journalism extracurricular activities in high school, including your role (member, officer, etc.) and the time in each role.

List your community activities, estimating the number of hours spent in each (e.g. 5 hours a week):

List any honors or awards won while in high school:

List of recommenders:

## **Essays**

Essays should be typed and double-spaced. Each essay should be on a separate document. (*Do not type essays in this Word document.*)

Essay 1: Describe your professional interests, both in terms of what course of study you want to pursue and where you hope that will lead in a career. (150-250 words or one page double-spaced)

Essay 2: Describe the most formative personal experience you have had in the last four years. Articulate the ways in which this experience changed you. (150-250 words or one page double-spaced)

Essay 3: Write an essay on a major social issue. Present the conflicting arguments on this issue, analyzing the strengths and weaknesses of these arguments. Come to your own judgment about the most defensible position. Research is an important component of the essay. Include a bibliography of sources used. The essay will also be evaluated on its writing style. Feel free to use an accepted journalistic style, though that is not required. (500-600 words or two pages double-spaced)