

AL NEUHARTH FREE SPIRIT AND JOURNALISM CONFERENCE

AT THE NEWSEUM

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Dear Colleagues in Education:

We are appealing for your assistance because of your familiarity and past support of the Al Neuharth Free Spirit and Journalism Conference.

Please help us identify exceptional high school **juniors** with a passion for journalism. Recipients will attend an all-expenses-paid journalism conference June 18-23, 2016 at the Newseum in Washington, D.C., and will be awarded a \$1,000 college scholarship. Students (who are currently in their junior year) **can apply online at www.freespirit.org. Application deadline is Feb. 1, 2016.**

This will be an incredible, potentially life-changing opportunity for 51 fortunate students from across the country. We are committed to encouraging, mentoring and supporting young people who aspire to or are curious about journalism careers.

For your use and easy access, go to www.freespirit.org to download additional copies of the enclosed flier (suitable for posting) and print ads (in three sizes) ready for publication in your high school newspaper or website.

Don't hesitate to contact us if any questions or concerns arise.

With appreciation,

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Applications due Feb. 1 for scholarships, high school journalism conference at Newseum

Washington, D.C. — High school juniors with a passion for journalism have until Feb. 1, 2016, to apply for the annual Al Neuharth Free Spirit and Journalism Conference, June 18-23, 2016, at the Newseum in Washington, D.C.

Eligibility is limited to students who are interested in journalism careers, who demonstrate qualities of “free spirit” and who are high school juniors in the 2015-2016 academic year. Online applications and more information are available at www.freespirit.org.

The Al Neuharth Free Spirit program will select, teach, mentor and support 51 outstanding high school students, representing each of the 50 states and Washington, D.C. They will participate in an all-expenses-paid journalism training conference at the Newseum, located on Pennsylvania Avenue between the U.S. Capitol and the White House. Those who successfully complete the five-day workshop will be awarded \$1,000 scholarships that will be paid to each student’s college or university of choice in the fall of 2017.

The conference and scholarships are designed to inspire and encourage students to pursue journalism, to network with one another and to develop lifelong associations. The conference, hosted by the Newseum Institute, includes full access to the Newseum, interaction with media leaders and journalists, hands-on training, tours of Washington’s landmarks, plus fun and fellowship. The Free Spirit program began in 1999 and is funded by the Freedom Forum to honor Al Neuharth, founder of the Freedom Forum, the Newseum and USA TODAY.

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