

Black College Wire 2006 Summer Internships

The Black College Wire 2006 Summer Internship Program offers training and paid summer internships to college students or recent graduates of Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs). Interns will earn \$1,500 or more (final amount may be higher) while working for the Black College Wire, black newspapers or online publications. Summer interns commit to working a minimum of 20 hours a week for 10 weeks, completing the training institute and writing at least one article for the Black College Wire. It is not possible to be in this internship and hold a full-time or competing job or internship. College sophomores, juniors, seniors or graduates (within the past year) are eligible to apply. Preference will be given to those with career goals in print and online journalism; campus newspaper or radio/broadcast experience is recommended. Interns are responsible for their own housing and transportation. Placements will be close to the intern's home or college, or summer living arrangement.

Training - Successful applicants will attend an expense-paid four-day training and orientation session in late May at The Freedom Forum Diversity Institute at Vanderbilt University in Nashville, Tenn.

Applying for the internships - Submit this form and the required documents listed below. This form may be copied. Address questions to the internship coordinator. Faxed nominations are not accepted.

1. Completed and signed application form.
2. Resume.
3. Academic transcripts (unofficial acceptable).
4. Two letters of recommendation from persons who know your journalism skills.
5. Six samples of your work. Samples cannot be returned.
6. Essay.
7. A head-shot photo of yourself (e.g., passport photo).

Students may apply for:

Newspaper or online internship
Students will work as reporters (print and audio), Web content writers and editors, copy editors, photographers, graphic artists or page designers at a participating black newspaper or online news service. Interns are responsible for their own housing and transportation. Placements will take into consideration the student's summer living plans.

Black College Wire Internship
Most interns report, write and file from the Black College Wire office in Washington, D.C. Some may work as correspondents from their summer homes under the supervision of the Wire's editors; a telephone and Internet-accessible computer are required.

**Postmarked application deadline:
Feb. 15, 2006**

Application should be sent to:

Internship Coordinator
Black College Wire Internship Program
10 G Street N.E.
Suite 500
Washington, D.C. 20002

Phone: (202) 772-5792
Fax: (202) 772-2511

E-mail: bcwire@hotmail.com

About Black College Wire

Black College Wire is a news service established in 2002 to promote the journalistic work of students at predominantly black colleges and universities and link those young journalists to training and employment opportunities.

Black College Wire contains news stories, features, sports and op-ed pieces from historically black college newspapers, and interns and freelancers who write assigned stories. The news service is a project of the Black College Communication Association, an organization of journalism and mass communication programs at black colleges and universities. Black College Wire also has a partnership

with the National Association of Black Journalists and the Maynard Institute for Journalism Education.

The project is funded by a grant from the John S. and James L. Knight Foundation, a Miami-based foundation that promotes excellence in journalism. The training institute is funded by a grant from the Oklahoma-based Ethics and Excellence in Journalism Foundation.

The news service site is free and readily available on the World Wide Web. Stories may be selected from the site and should be credited to blackcollegewire.org.

Meet some Black College Wire alumni



**Shawnee
McFarland
Dillard**

**2005 intern
Houston
Defender**



**Darryl
Smith
Grambling
State**

**2005 intern
The Dallas
Examiner**



**Roberta
Dooks
Howard**

**2005 intern
Black
College Wire
Washington,
D.C. office**

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2006 Summer Internship Application

Please print legibly or type

Circle program you are interested in: Black College Wire Black Newspaper Online/Audio News

Name _____ Soc. Sec. No. _____ Birthdate: _____

Your address while in school _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Phone numbers (including cell) where you can be reached while in school _____

_____ E-mail address _____

Permanent address _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

College/University

Please circle current year in college:

Sophomore Junior Senior Graduate (please specify graduation date) _____

Overall college G.P.A. _____ Journalism G.P.A. _____

Major/minor _____ Expected graduation date _____

Parents' names and address _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Parents' home telephone number _____ E-mail _____

Circle your status: U.S. citizen Permanent U.S. resident Other (please specify) _____

Do you have a valid driver's license? Yes No

If not, can you get one by the start of your internship? _____

Can you provide a car during your internship? Yes No

Previous professional journalism internships (please list all)
Company, dates and duties

Honors, awards, scholarships, etc.

College newspaper position(s) and dates

Other college media position(s) (TV, radio, yearbook, online, etc.)

High school newspaper experience

What do you want to be doing three years from now?

Area(s) of interest for the internship: (Please circle and number in order of preference, with 1 being most preferred.)

Copy Editor Graphic Design Online Broadcast (audio) Photographer Reporter

Do you have any disabilities that may require special accommodation on the part of the newspaper in order for you to function efficiently? Yes No

If yes, please elaborate _____

If applying for the newspaper internship program, at what black newspaper would you work? List editor's name, address, telephone number and e-mail.

What summer living arrangements have you made? Include name, telephone, e-mail and address with ZIP.

Applicant Essay

On a separate sheet of paper, please explain why you want to be a Black College Wire intern. This statement (250 to 500 words) should illustrate your writing ability

and discuss your views on journalism as a career and provide any additional information you think may be helpful. Type your essay and attach it to this form.

The following two signatures are mandatory for this application:

I have read all of the information pertaining to the internship program. If accepted by the Black College Wire Internship Program, I agree to honor my commitment to complete the orientation and the 10-week internship that follows except if I become medically disabled. All of the information I have given in this application and the attached materials is correct. If selected, I also agree that the Black College Wire Internship Program can use my statements and likeness in its promotional literature. I understand that failure to complete the institute, the internship or final program evaluation will mean that I will not receive the stipend.

Please note: Black College Wire interns are required to comply with personnel policies and practices at their internship sites, which may include drug testing.

_____ Date _____

Applicant's signature

Print or type name of person nominating (department head or newspaper adviser)

_____ Date _____

Department head's or adviser's signature

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