

Remembering Hurricane Katrina Multimedia High School Journalism Workshop At The University of Southern Mississippi 2015

The University of Southern Mississippi School of Mass Communication and Journalism invites applications from Mississippi high school students for the Remembering Hurricane Katrina High School Journalism Workshop, which will be held on the **USM campus in Hattiesburg June 14-21, 2015**

Application Deadline: Postmarked by May 9. Only complete applications will be considered.

Details: Students will learn how to report the news using a variety of multimedia tools, including print, photos, videos, broadcast, radio, and social media. They will learn from local journalists and USM faculty how to cover the news. They'll produce TV and radio newscasts, a newspaper and a Web site. They will cover the 10th anniversary of Hurricane Katrina.

Who is eligible: Mississippi high school students currently enrolled in 10th, 11th, or 12th grades. Participants should have an interest in journalism, but prior experience with journalism is not required.

Fees: The workshop is free to students, thanks to the generous support of the Dow Jones Newspaper Fund and other funders.

Questions: Contact Dr. Robert Byrd, high school workshop director, robert.d.byrd@usm.edu or 601-620-9931.

How to apply: Include the following in your application:

1. Completed application form. (You can print or type on the form. You CANNOT fill it out online).
2. Write a 2- to 3-page essay (double-spaced) that describes why you want to participate in the workshop. This essay should address your interest in journalism and the important role journalism plays in covering events such as Hurricane Katrina and other large-scale disasters.
3. Include a letter of recommendation from someone who knows you well – preferably a teacher – that describes your potential to succeed at this workshop and your potential as a journalist.
4. A sample of your work. This could be a newspaper article you wrote for the student paper, a photo essay or video you produced, or an essay you wrote for class. For multimedia, please supply a link to the video (on YouTube, for example) or provide it on a CD or DVD. Samples will not be returned. Work samples DO NOT need to be published.
5. Official high school transcript.

Mail application to:

Dr. Robert Byrd, Director, High School Workshop
School of Mass Communication and Journalism
The University of Southern Mississippi
118 College Drive #5121
Hattiesburg, MS 39406

Type – or print legibly

**Remembering Hurricane Katrina Multimedia Journalism Workshop
For High School Students at
The University of Southern Mississippi, June 14-21, 2015**

Name			
Age		Phone	
Email	Address		
		Street/P.O. Box	
High School	City		
	State	Zip code	

Circle the appropriate answers

Year in School	Sophomore	Junior	Senior	
Race/Ethnic Origin	African-American	Asian/Pacific Islander	Hispanic/Latino	Native American
	White	Other		
Does your high school have a student newspaper?			Yes	No
Does your school offer any journalism classes?			Yes	No

Name and Contact Information for person providing your recommendation letter
Name

Title

Phone

Email

**Briefly describe any journalism experience you may have had, such as at high school newspaper or yearbook.
(Previous experience is not required for acceptance.)**
