

Applications Being Accepted for Journalism Workshop

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The University of Southern Mississippi School of Mass Communication and Journalism is accepting applications for the Southern Mississippi High School Journalism Workshop, which will be held June 20-26 on the Hattiesburg campus.

Students will study under professional journalists and Southern Miss journalism faculty members, meet with newsmakers and cover timely stories, produce television and radio newscasts, a newspaper and a Web site. Students currently in grades 10-12 at Mississippi high schools are eligible to apply. The workshop is free and the application deadline is May 14.

"These kinds of workshops are cited as the best way to get talented high school students interested in careers in journalism," says Chris Campbell, director of the School of Mass Communication and Journalism. "Many secondary schools don't have school newspapers or journalism courses, so this is a way of providing students with an introduction to a potential career path."

The workshop is free to students. Funding is provided by the Dow Jones Newspaper Fund, the Mississippi Press Association and the Gannett Foundation.

Students with an interest in producing multimedia stories about multicultural issues are especially encouraged to apply. "We created the workshop to help address two needs in the journalism industry," said Campbell. "First, news organizations need young people who know how to effectively apply the wide variety of new media applications. Second, they need journalists who are able to negotiate the diversity of American cultures."

Applications and additional information about the workshop can be found at the School of Mass Communication and Journalism Web site at <http://www.usm.edu/mcj> or by calling the school at 601-266-4196.

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