

JOURNALISM TEACHER SUMMER INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

Co-sponsored by the Michigan Interscholastic Press Association and the Michigan Press Association Foundation

PROGRAM SUMMARY

The journalism teacher summer internship program is designed to provide journalism teachers in Michigan with experience in today's newsroom so the teacher can share this knowledge with students and become a more effective teacher/adviser. Interns will contribute to all facets of the news business. The program is designed to promote quality journalism instruction throughout the state and encourage high school students to consider journalism as a career. The Michigan Press Association Foundation funds this program. Participants are expected to seek contacts with newspapers in their area to establish the internship. The newspaper must be a member of the Michigan Press Association and intern applicants must be MIPA members. While final placement decisions will be approved by the MPA Foundation and the MIPA, the MPA Foundation and MIPA will not determine the placements.

INTERNSHIP REQUIREMENTS

Internships will be four to six weeks long, and upon completion of the 40-hour-per-week internship and submission of the personal evaluation, teachers will receive \$1,500 (four weeks) or \$2,000 (six weeks). The Foundation requires interns to submit a journal of their activities/reflections during the internship. These journals will be submitted to the MPA Foundation and to MIPA to assess the program. In addition, the MPA Foundation and MIPA may ask interns for permission to publish excerpts in their respective publications to publicize the program in the future. Teachers also may be eligible to receive from one to three credits for this program through MSU's School of Journalism. Teachers would be responsible for paying MSU tuition to receive credit.

APPLICATION FORM

As part of the application process, teachers will fill out this application form and write a 500-word essay outlining the type of experience they desire and why they would like to participate in this program.

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Each approved applicant is responsible for finding his/her own placement by contacting the newspapers themselves.

ELIGIBILITY

Any Michigan high school or middle school teacher who teaches journalism classes or advises a newspaper or yearbook is eligible to apply for an internship. Up to six interns will be selected.

DEADLINE

Completed applications must be postmarked by March 20 of the year of the summer internship. Use this form to complete your application by mail or submit your application and required materials online at www.mipamsu.org/internships

JOURNALISM TEACHER SUMMER INTERNSHIP PROGRAM APPLICATION

Name _____

I am applying for the four-week internship six-week internship _____

School _____

School address _____ City _____ ZIP _____

School phone () _____

Home address _____ City _____ ZIP _____

Home/cell phone () _____

Frequently checked email address _____

Publication/s currently advising (please give name of publication and type of publication) _____ Number of years _____

Total years as a publications adviser _____ Total years as a teacher _____

Journalism classes taught and number of years taught (please give name of classes and number of years you have taught these classes) _____

PLEASE INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING WITH YOUR COMPLETED APPLICATION

- A letter from your school administrator on school letterhead confirming that you will be a journalism teacher or adviser for the following school year
- A 500-word essay outlining the type of experience you desire and why you would like to participate in the teacher intern program
- Three Michigan papers at which you would like to work as a teacher intern
- A one-page resume
- Two writing samples showing your ability as a writer

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT:



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PLEASE MAIL COMPLETED APPLICATIONS TO:

Internship Program
Michigan Interscholastic Press Association
Michigan State University School of Journalism
404 Wilson Road, Room 305
East Lansing, MI 48824

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