

Department of Communications

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School Counselor
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Dear School Counselor,

This fall we will once again award **\$1,000 scholarships** to three incoming freshmen who declare Communications as their major at the University of Tennessee Martin. Because you fill such a vital role in making your seniors aware of this opportunity, I'm passing along the attached freshman scholarship application form. Please make as many copies as you need. We need your help to spread the word.

These are exciting days in the Communications Department, and we depend on outstanding students like yours to keep us strong and vibrant. We hope that you will urge them to apply for one of our \$1,000 scholarships. The scholarships will be presented at our virtual Communications Awards Reception on **Thursday, April 15**, via Zoom, from 3:00-4:00 p.m. Winners and their parents/guardians will be invited to join us and be recognized.

Please note that the **deadline for our receiving** the scholarship applications is **5 p.m. Friday, March 19**. We have our fax number below, if students are running tight on the deadline.

If your students have an interest in the mass media, our department will provide a great opportunity. Here are just a few reasons why:

- Our faculty have won as many or more teaching awards than any department on campus. They also come from successful careers in the professional world of mass media/communications.
- Our fully digital HD broadcasting/multimedia equipment is as cutting-edge as any area schools, and students get access to our TV/radio skills courses and equipment during their first or second semester.
- Our student radio station is currently ranked in the Top 5 in the Nation and in the South. Students in TV, newspaper and PR also are award-winning.
- Our Web design, photojournalism, social media management and multimedia courses will prepare your students well for careers in online media.

We look forward to your students applying. If you have any questions, please contact my administrative assistant, Heather Hodges. Her contact info is below.

Sincerely,

Dr. Robert Nanney, Chairman
 Communications Department

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*Fax/Email
 entries are
 fine!*

**THE UNIVERSITY OF TENNESSEE AT MARTIN
DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNICATIONS
\$1,000 FRESHMAN SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION – 2021**

Name _____ SS# (for posting to winner's Financial Aid) _____

Home Mailing Address _____

Home Phone No. _____ Student's Cell No. *(for notifying winners who don't check email)* _____

High School and Its Full Address _____

Student Email Address **(please print very legibly)** _____

Name of Adviser or Counselor _____

High School Overall GPA _____

ACT/SAT Score _____

Rank _____ in graduating class of (number) _____ seniors

Extra-curricular and/or Media-related Activities *(feel free to attach separate sheet, if necessary)*

Awards _____

Please duplicate forms as needed. Attach (1) a typed essay of not more than 250 words describing your college and career goals and (2) a letter of recommendation from your adviser or counselor or an instructor who has known you and your work for at least a year and who knows of your interest in a Communications career.

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Signature of Applicant

Signature of Adviser/Instructor/Counselor

All materials must be received by:
5 p.m. Friday, March 19 _____

NOTE: Scholarship recipients must declare Communications as their major at UT Martin for Fall Semester, 2021. Any recipient who leaves UT Martin for any reason or who declares any major other than Communications during the freshman year forfeits the scholarship.