

Applications due Feb. 1 for scholarship/ high school journalism conference at Newseum

Washington, D.C. — High school juniors with a passion for journalism have until Feb. 1, 2018, to apply for the annual Al Neuharth Free Spirit and Journalism Conference, June 16-21, at the Newseum in Washington, D.C.

Eligibility is limited to students who are interested in journalism careers, who demonstrate qualities of a “free spirit” and who are high school juniors in the 2017-2018 academic year. Online applications and more information are available at www.freespirit.org.

The Al Neuharth Free Spirit program will select, teach, mentor and support 51 outstanding high school students, representing each of the 50 states and Washington, D.C. They will participate in an all-expenses-paid journalism training conference at the Newseum, located on Pennsylvania Avenue between the U.S. Capitol and the White House. Those who successfully complete the five-day workshop will be awarded a \$1,000 scholarship that will be paid to their college or university of choice in the fall of 2019.

The conference and scholarship are designed to inspire and encourage students to pursue journalism, to network with one another and to develop lifelong relationships. The conference, hosted by the Newseum Institute, includes full access to the Newseum, interaction with media leaders and journalists, hands-on training, tours of Washington’s landmarks, plus fun and fellowship. The Free Spirit program began in 1999 and is funded by the Freedom Forum to honor Al Neuharth, founder of the Freedom Forum, the Newseum and *USA TODAY*.

Go to www.freespirit.org for more information, for access to the online applications or to download a flier for distribution.

AL NEUHARTH FREE SPIRIT AND JOURNALISM CONFERENCE

AT THE NEWSEUM

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Dear Colleagues in Education:

Please help us identify exceptional high school **juniors** with a passion for journalism. Selected students will attend an all-expenses-paid journalism conference June 16-21, 2018, at the Newseum in Washington, D.C., and will be awarded a \$1,000 college scholarship. Students (who are currently in their junior year) **can apply online at www.freepirit.org. Application deadline is Feb. 1, 2018.**

This will be an incredible, potentially life-changing opportunity for 51 fortunate students from across the country. We are committed to encouraging, mentoring and supporting young people who aspire to or are curious about journalism careers.

For your use and easy access, visit www.freepirit.org to download additional copies of the enclosed flier.

Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

With appreciation,

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