

CHARLES Y. ADAIR AWARD

**This \$500 award is given each year
to a senior in the Communication Department at Buffalo State College.**

1. **Eligibility.** All graduating seniors in the department are eligible to apply for the award. Application form is available online or at the department office.
2. **Criteria.** Applicants should submit a personal statement describing their professional commitment to communication. Supporting materials should include either an academic paper or an applied media presentation (such as a series of articles or broadcast pieces) related to journalism, media ethics, technology, or press freedom, rights and/or responsibilities.
3. **Selection Panel.** Award recipients will be selected by a five-person panel made up of three faculty members and one student member of the department's Student Enrichment Committee, along with the department chair.
4. **Distribution.** Selection will be made in the fall. The award of \$500 will be distributed in a single installment. (Note: For the initial awarding of this scholarship, seniors anticipating a December graduation may apply and receive the award retroactively.)
5. **Financial Stability of Award.** This award is generated by funds in an endowed account in the Buffalo State College Foundation.

CHARLIE ADAIR taught journalism at Buffalo State from 1980 until his death in 2000 at age 58. He had worked as a reporter and copy editor in Michigan, Missouri and Western New York and was known for his real-world approach to communication education. Charlie always held his students to high professional standards, and they returned the favor by revering him as a great journalism professor and a major influence on their careers.

