

# THE BUFFALO NEWS SCHOLARSHIP

**Two separate scholarships of \$1,000 each disbursed over the first four semesters for freshmen entering the Communication Department at Buffalo State College.**

1. **Eligibility.** Full-time freshmen Communication majors at Buffalo State College are eligible to apply if they meet the following academic criteria for this scholarship:

- A minimum high school average of 85
- A minimum combined SAT score of 1,000 in the verbal and writing sections; if students did not take the SAT, they may substitute a minimum ACT score of 22

(Documentation of eligibility is based on information on file at the college Admissions Department.)

2. **Application.** Applications with the following supporting materials should be sent to the Communication Department:

- Application Form: Applications can download this online at the department website ([www.buffalostate.edu/communication](http://www.buffalostate.edu/communication)) or obtain a copy at the department office (Bishop 210)
- Personal Statement: Applicants must submit a personal essay of 300-500 words explaining why they wish to pursue a career in communication.
- Writing Samples: Applicants must submit three samples of their writing. These may be journalistic pieces such as news reports, feature articles, editorials, columns, reviews, blogs, etc., or they may be academic papers such as essays or research reports.

3. **Selection Process.** Scholarship recipients meeting eligibility requirements will be selected on their personal statement and writing samples. Selection will be made by a five-person panel of three faculty members and one student member of the department's Student Enrichment Committee, along with the department chair.

4. **Disbursement & Continuing Eligibility.** The first disbursement of \$250 will be made for the fall semester of the freshman year after the recipient has accepted the award. Subsequent disbursements of \$250 each will be made for the second, third and fourth semesters for students who maintain academic eligibility with (a) a full-time course load as a Communication major and (b) a minimum GPA of 2.6 after the first semester.



5. **Financial Stability of the Scholarship.** This scholarship is made possible by annual contributions provided by The Buffalo News and administered through the Buffalo State College Foundation.