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## SPJ Detroit offers \$2,500 grant to SE Michigan journalism student for use at any Michigan college

The Detroit chapter of the Society of Professional Journalists will award a \$2,500 Larry Laurain journalism grant to a Southeast Michigan resident who is or will be a sophomore, junior or senior in 2012. The award may be used at any four-year college in Michigan.

Additional grants may be awarded.

The award honors the late Larry Laurain, former SPJ Detroit chapter president and Oakland Press city editor. Applicants must intend to practice journalism, as evidenced by enrollment in

journalism classes and by work from those classes, or clips published in student or professional publications.

Financial need is considered.

Scholarship winners will be honored at the chapter's annual awards banquet, Wednesday, April 18, 2012, at the San Marino Club, 1685 East Big Beaver Road, Troy. Tickets or table reservations are available by calling SPJ Detroit at (586) 306-2035. Additional information at [www.spjdetroit.org](http://www.spjdetroit.org).

**APPLICATION DEADLINE: Feb. 17, 2012**

### Fill out this form:

Name \_\_\_\_\_ School \_\_\_\_\_  
Major \_\_\_\_\_ Status: Fr.  Soph.  Jr.  Sr.  GPA \_\_\_\_\_  
Home address \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_  
Home phone \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_  
High school attended \_\_\_\_\_ City and state \_\_\_\_\_

### Write a personal narrative addressing these points:

- Tell us why you want to be a journalist.
- Outline your career goals after graduation.
- Describe your journalism-related activities and how they differ from those of your classmates.
- List your educational, campus and social activities. Briefly, tell of their influence on you.
- Describe what you believe is the most important challenge facing journalists today.
- What person in journalism would you most like to emulate and why.
- And finally, tell us what winning this award would mean to you.

### All applications must include:

1. This flyer or a copy along with your essay covering all seven points above.
2. A teacher, dean, or adviser's reference letter, which reviews your work or enrollment in a journalism class, your academic status or how you have indicated your interest in journalism.
3. At least five clips in 8-1/2x11 format of any published or classroom-produced samples of your writing.

**Send to:** David Sachs, Detroit/SPJ Scholarship Committee, 29160 Rambling, Southfield, MI 48076

**Or e-mail to:** [detroitspj@comcast.net](mailto:detroitspj@comcast.net), attach PDF files of published works and letters of reference. Include MP3 file or links to video. Audio must be in MP3 format. Copies of this entry form can be found at [www.spjdetroit.org](http://www.spjdetroit.org)

**Questions?** Call the scholarship committee, (248) 761-8204 or e-mail: [patkci@aol.com](mailto:patkci@aol.com)