

April 2, 2014

Dear Guidance Counselor:

Do you know of a graduating senior interested in studying journalism at SIUC for the next four years? If so, the School of Journalism has a scholarship that we plan to award for the coming fall semester.

The grant, provided by a gift in memory of Karl Monroe by his wife Mary, will pay about \$800 a year for four years, provided the student maintains a satisfactory grade point average and remains in the journalism program.

Karl Monroe worked at the family's Collinsville Herald for much of his life, serving as editor and publisher from 1956 until the Monroes sold the paper in 1977. His career has been called "one of the most distinguished in the history of Illinois journalism." He is a member of the SIUC Journalism Hall of Fame and won the Illinois Press Association's Editor of the Year Award and Northern Illinois University's Illinois Journalist of the Year Award. Mr. Monroe died on Oct. 23, 1993. The gift is administered by the Southern Illinois Editorial Association.

They would like the scholarship to be awarded on the basis of the student's excellence in writing and potential for a newspaper career. In their words, they would assist "the next Pulitzer Prize winner from SIU." Three SIUC journalism graduates have won or shared Pulitzers.

Seniors graduating from high schools in 34 Southern Illinois counties are eligible to apply. These include all counties south of the northern borders of Madison, Bond, Fayette, Effingham, Jasper and Crawford counties. Selection will be made by the scholarship committee of the School of Journalism following the deadline of May 15.

I am enclosing a copy of the scholarship application along with the scholarship guidelines. Please call it to the attention of any of your seniors who might be interested in pursuing a journalism career at SIUC. Please feel free to duplicate the application form as necessary.

Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,



William Freivogel
Director

KARL MONROE SCHOLARSHIP

1. Approximately \$400 will be awarded each fall and spring semester to a student majoring in journalism at Southern Illinois University Carbondale.
2. The student will be selected as an entering freshman and the award will be renewed for the following seven semesters, providing the student continues as a full-time student in the School of Journalism, Southern Illinois University and maintains a 3.0 cumulative grade point average. If the student fails to meet these criteria, the scholarship will be awarded to another entering freshman the following fall.
3. To qualify, the student must be a high school senior residing in Southern Illinois (defined as an area south of Interstate Highway 70). The student must be recommended by a high school publications adviser or English teacher, have been involved in student publications or newspaper stringing while in high school and express an intention to pursue newspaper work as a career.
4. The availability of the scholarship shall be publicized by the School of Journalism and the Southern Illinois School Press Association. SISPA advisers will be asked to recommend candidates for this scholarship, but final selection will be made by a committee at the School of Journalism--SIUC.
5. The scholarship check will be sent at the beginning of each semester.
6. The purpose of this scholarship is to recognize excellence in writing and potential for a newspaper career, but family financial need may be a consideration if the selection committee is deciding among several equally qualified individuals.

KARL MONROE SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

The Karl Monroe Scholarship is administered by the Southern Illinois Editorial Association. An annual grant of approximately \$800 will be made to a student entering the School of Journalism in August 2014. This scholarship is renewable for four years, provided the student continues an academic major in journalism and maintains a grade point average of 3.0 (B average) on a 4.0- point scale for all courses. Selection of the recipient will be made by a scholarship committee of the School of Journalism and the director of the School.

General Information

Name _____ Birthdate _____
Last First Middle Month Day Year

Street Address _____ Telephone _____

City State Zip code

Parents' Names _____

Address _____

City State Zip code

High School Record

High School Attended _____ Graduation Date _____

Address _____

Grade Point Average _____ Class Ranking _____

List your high school journalism activities: _____

Other extra-curricular activities: _____

Awards and honors won: _____

Scholarships awarded for your college education: _____

List below any working experiences you have had. Provide detail for any journalism-related experiences on your list.

Describe below any factors the selection committee might consider with regard to your financial circumstances in attending college, such as family income, number of family members who will be attending college next year, etc.

Completing the Application

- (1) Please have one of your high school teachers send a letter of recommendation to the School of Journalism. The letter should discuss your writing ability and potential for a career in journalism.
- (2) You are invited to submit copies of any material that you have written for your high school newspaper or yearbook, local newspaper or other publication, or for your classes. (These materials will not be returned.)
- (3) Attach a typed statement you have written of no more than 500 words describing your interest in journalism and your career objectives.

All materials should be submitted to this address by May 15, 2014:

Selection Committee
Karl Monroe Scholarship
School of Journalism
Mail Code 6601
Southern Illinois University Carbondale
Carbondale, IL 62901

I certify that the attached information is an accurate and true representation of my scholastic record and financial needs for the coming school year.

Signature of applicant