

2023 Bryan Petersen Scholarship Application

The Association of Minnesota Public Educational Radio Stations (Ampers) supports the concept that the survival and growth of radio broadcasting are dependent on talented and well-educated individuals pursuing careers in broadcasting.

Ampers is pleased to announce the annual \$1,000 Bryan Petersen Memorial Scholarship awarded to an individual who is or will be pursuing a career in broadcasting through an institution of higher education in the United States. This scholarship opportunity is open to any current resident of Minnesota. The award will be issued to the educational institution in the winner's name to be applied towards tuition.

About Bryan Petersen

The scholarship is named for Bryan Petersen: 1938-1989. Bryan was a founding member of Ampers and was one of the leaders in persuading legislators of the need for the ongoing support of public radio in Minnesota. He was educated at Concordia College, Drew University, the New College Seminary in Edinburgh, Scotland, and Harvard Theological School.

Bryan was a community activist who worked with Latin American refugees, low-income housing, alternative energy, and a variety of community theatre programs. Bryan was largely responsible for the organizational direction, licensing, and power increases for Fresh Air Radio (KFAI) in Minneapolis. He served as a board member and president of Fresh Air Radio.

How to Apply

- The deadline for applications is May 31, 2023.
- The award will be issued to the educational institution in the winner's name to be applied towards tuition.
- Submit an official application via email. The application should include:
 1. A completed application form
 2. A cover letter that must include an explanation of why you are pursuing a career in broadcasting, mass communications, or creative media.
 3. Your resume
 4. A recommendation letter from a supervisor, teacher, or colleague that addresses:
 - How long the person has known the applicant.
 - The relationship the person has with the applicant.
 - Why the applicant is deserving of the scholarship.
- Submit the application and accompanying materials via email to heather@ampers.org

Rules

- Applicant must be a Minnesota resident attending or planning to attend an accredited institution of higher education within the United States and pursuing a career in radio, mass communications, or broadcasting.
- Incomplete applications will not be considered.
- Past recipients are ineligible.
- The Ampers Scholarship Committee will evaluate applications and select the winner.
- Ampers strongly encourages women, people of color, Native Americans, LGBTQIA2S+ individuals, people with disabilities, members of ethnic minorities, foreign-born residents, and Veterans to apply. Applicants will not be discriminated against because of race, creed, color, religion, sex, age, disability, marital status, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, political affiliation, veteran status, medical condition, national origin or ancestry, or any protected category prohibited by state and federal laws.

Previous Scholarship Winners

1991 Anna Marie Casey, University of Minnesota, Twin Cities
1992 Dean Beckman, Winona State University
1993 Kyle Smith, St. Cloud State University
1994 Steven T. Nelson, University of Minnesota, Twin Cities
1995 Kevin Kienbaum, St. Olaf College
1996 Jeff Chamberlin, St. Cloud State University
1997 Jason Mediger, Mankato State University
1998 Amy Dahlin, St. Cloud State University
1999 Heidi Holst, Winona State University
2000 Melissa Mendelson, University of Minnesota, Twin Cities
2001 Nichole Neuman, University of Minnesota, Twin Cities
2002 Michael Davies-Venn, St. Cloud State University
2003 Afsina Vildiz, Winona State University
2004 Melissa Specken, Minnesota State University, Mankato
2005 Nathan Wardinski, Minnesota State University, Mankato
2006 Samrat Kharel, St. Cloud State University
2007 Ronald Miller, University of Minnesota, Twin Cities
2008 Zack Thieman, Mankato State University
2009 Michael Jamnick, St. Cloud State University
2010 Jon Schober, University of Minnesota, Twin Cities
2011 Grace Webb, Minnesota State University, Mankato
2012 Molly Zafft, WTIP, Grand Marais
2013 Meagan Nouis, University of Minnesota, Twin Cities
2014 Michael Maurer, Minnesota State University, Mankato
2015 Matt Curtis, University of Minnesota, Twin Cities
2016 Jaak Jensen, University of Minnesota, Twin Cities
2017 Alex Purfeerst, Minnesota State University, Mankato
2018 Max Perkins, University of Minnesota, Twin Cities
2019 Rollie Dethloff, Minnesota State University, Moorhead
2020 Joely Kelzer, University of Minnesota, Twin Cities
2021 Sam Goetzinger, St. Cloud State University
2022 Max Gouette, University of Minnesota, Twin Cities

Bryan Petersen Memorial Scholarship Application

Name:		
Mailing Address:		
City:	State:	ZIP:
Email:		
Phone:		
School Currently Attending:		
Major (or intended major):		
Graduation Date:		

Attachments:

- ↗ Cover Letter
- ↗ Resume
- ↗ Recommendation Letter

Information to include in Cover Letter:

1. Any experience you have working or volunteering at a radio station or broadcast facility including where you worked or volunteered, how long you worked or volunteered at the station and what you did.
2. Why do you want to pursue a career in broadcasting?
3. Why should the committee select you as the scholarship winner?
4. How are you financing your education?
5. List any volunteer activities, honors, offices held, awards, etc. that you have received.

Submit application and accompanying materials via email to: heather@ampers.org

Due by May 31, 2023