

Students

Students do not have to be a journalism or communications major to be eligible, though first consideration will be given to those academic streams.

An application form must be completed in full and include both the student's resume (referencing any part time work, internships, activities, scholarships/awards) and samples of writing (or photography). Completion of the form and additional information does not constitute an application of acceptances into this program.

You may also want to contact your local community newspaper, or a newspaper you are interested in working for, directly to see if they are accepting internships outside of this funded program.

Who will be chosen?

All student applications will be reviewed for submission to the host newspaper(s). Student profiles which meet all of the requirements will then be forwarded to the host newspapers, who will then review and contact the finalists for further dialogue and will select the candidate that best fits their location and situation for the internship.

What to expect if chosen

The selected intern will be provided with a Welcome Package from the host newspaper, which will include information on all aspects of the internship, participating newspaper and location. Your newspaper contact will then be the "go-to" for any supplemental information that may be required.

AWNA will also be asking the chosen intern(s) to participate in documenting their experience for the duration of the internship in a series of posts that can be shared with the newspaper community and future participants.

What if you're not chosen as an intern?

Even if you are not selected for an internship position with a host newspaper within the program, we will keep your resume on-hand. We will have the resumes posted onto a 'members only' page on our website for a three month period where our newspapers to have access to, for review. We will also forward on your resume to any newspapers outside of the program who may be looking for summer students.

Download the application form:
www.awna.com/camaclean

News Media Internship Program

Learn by Doing

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Plus join the association members for their annual convention for a day of educational sessions, with internationally acclaimed speakers and an awards banquet.



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C.A. MacLean Foundation
(subsidiary of the Alberta Weekly Newspapers Association)

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Accepting Applications Now





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The C.A. MacLean Foundation is sponsoring ten-week (minimum) internships. The internship program will allow students to learn first-hand the importance of community journalism, having them work alongside the editors, reporters and photographers of the community newspapers in Alberta or Northwest Territories.

All AWNA member newspapers in good standing are eligible to apply to participate in the internship program, with six newspapers being chosen by lottery to host an intern. Applications received from the students will be reviewed and distributed to those host newspapers, who will then further review and interview each student and make their selection..

Guidelines and expectations:

- This is a minimum 10-week program.
- The actual starting date will be determined by the participating newspaper.
- Community Newspapers do not work on a Nine-to-Five workday; students should anticipate to work some evenings and weekends during the internship.
- All terms and conditions pertaining to the internship will be discussed between the host newspaper and selected student intern prior to the internship period commencing.
- The students are to document their time as interns with the community newspaper as a side project.
- The newspaper will provide their student intern with information regarding:
 - » Duties during internship
 - » Salary information
 - » Accommodation information
 - » General expectations of the intern

FAQ

When can I expect to find out if my application was chosen by one of the host newspapers?

Upon the student application deadline, it will take the committee a couple of weeks to review student profile submissions and ensure all supplementary documents have been submitted. Once all the necessary documents are accounted for, these student profiles will be forwarded to the host newspapers for their own internal review.

Depending on their work slate, it could take a couple of weeks for the host newspapers to review and determine their shortlist for interviews and contact the candidates for follow-up.

Once the host newspaper has made their selection, they will notify our committee with their choice.

What if my application isn't selected for an internship position?

If you are not one of the successful candidates chosen for the internship with a host newspaper, AWNA will post your resume on our members only page on our website for a three month period. Here our newspapers will have access to your information for review if they have summer work available for students, outside of the internship program.

What are the parameters of the internship?

The framework for the funding is based on a \$20/hour wage over a ten-week period (based on a 35 hour work week). Anything outside of this can be negotiated with the host newspaper, but the foundation will only be providing funding based on the above.

Minimum ten-week period; timeframes outside of this can be decided by host newspaper, who would advise their candidate accordingly during follow-up.

All duties and expectations of the intern position are determined by the individual host newspaper.

How will I find a place to stay?

The host newspaper is not mandated to provide accommodation for their student intern under the guidelines of the program, but they are expected to assist in securing accommodation for their intern for the duration of your stay. This is something that you will want to discuss during your interview depending on your needs.

When will the internship period be?

This is a minimum ten-week program. The start and end date of the internship period will be determined by the individual host newspaper, which will be discussed between the newspaper and candidate during their follow-up interview.



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Can I use this towards any school credit?

There have been instances where the student has been able to use this internship as credit towards their post-secondary institution. You will need to discuss the requirements with your school advisor to determine what conditions must be met in order for this program to qualify for credit. We encourage you to discuss these factors with the host newspaper during your interview process, as they may or may not be able to accommodate your needs.

How does the 'blog' component work?

This will be hosted by AWNA as a public Facebook page, and may be cross-posted also to the AWNA's business page and members group. The host newspaper can choose to link back to your posts as well.

We request that each intern contribute two posts per week, which can include both written and photo components. We're hoping for a behind-the-scenes look at life at the community newspaper and your internship journey.

All posts will be submitted to Facebook, but reviewed by AWNA.