



# URBAN JOURNALISM WORKSHOP 2010 APPLICATION

**S**ince 1986, Washington Association of Black Journalists has introduced young people to careers in the media through an intensive skills-building workshop held each spring. The Urban Journalism Workshop, a free journalism-immersion program for high school students, is seeking applicants for its 2010 training program. The workshop, conducted over eight weekends, is open to all high school students.

- **STUDENTS** Read more about the workshop and get an application at [www.ujwonline.org](http://www.ujwonline.org).
- **VOLUNTEERS** Sign up to assist and mentor local high school students each Saturday, 9:30 a.m.-4 p.m., Feb. 27 through April 24 at either American University, NPR and local television stations.



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**Washington Association of Black Journalists**



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**Young Journalists Development Program**

## STUDENT EXPECTATIONS

This is a rigorous program requiring your full participation. Professional journalists and journalism educators will be watching your growth and development throughout the workshop. In order to get the best from this experience, you will be expected to:

- 1) Attend all eight sessions on time.** If you expect to be late, you are required to inform your section leader in a timely fashion. You will be dropped from the program for unexcused absences.
- 2) Come prepared.** You must be informed, so read the newspaper, listen to the radio, watch television news broadcasts and consume other forms of news. You will be tested weekly on your knowledge and asked to discuss news events during each session.
- 3) Complete assignments on time.** Journalists must meet deadlines. As an aspiring journalist, you will be expected to complete all assignments in the time given. We can give you the best feedback on your work when we have your work on time.

If you can fully commit to these expectations,  
you should excel in our program.  
You will also learn a lot and hopefully have fun, too.  
Thanks for applying!



**The Young Journalists  
Development Program**  
The Washington Post  
1150 15th Street NW  
Washington, DC 20071

Applications are available at [ujwonline.org](http://ujwonline.org)

**Do not mail completed applications to The Washington Post.**

All pieces of the application should be mailed to  
WABJ Workshop, P.O. Box 77130, Washington, DC 20013

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## ABOUT THE PROGRAM

**THE URBAN JOURNALISM WORKSHOP (UJW)**, is co-sponsored by the Washington Association of Black Journalists (WABJ) and The Washington Post. Professional journalists in print and electronic media teach the students the basics of real-time journalism during eight consecutive Saturdays from late February through April.



Students accepted into the UJW are given core-skills training in reporting and writing and allowed to focus their learning time on one of three news mediums: newspaper, radio news or television news.

The students produce a newspaper, a 30-minute radio news show and a 30-minute television news show.

**ELIGIBILITY:** All interested high school students in Washington, D.C.-area schools are encouraged to apply.

**WHEN:** Eight consecutive Saturdays, beginning Feb. 27 to April 24, 2010. The workshop begins at 9:30 a.m. and ends at 4 p.m. each Saturday in Washington, D.C.

**CONTACT:** Program Coordinator, Lorrie Grant, (703) 220-6363, [lorriegrant@yahoo.com](mailto:lorriegrant@yahoo.com)

## PART I : THE APPLICATION

Applications should be completed and postmarked by Saturday, January 16, 2010.  
Those accepted will be notified by February 1, 2010.

WABJ Workshop, P.O. Box 77130, Washington, DC 20013.

### Section I: Application *(To be completed by applicant.)*

Name	Age	Gender
Home Address		
City	State	Zip Code
Telephone	Cell Phone	E-mail
High School	Class	

Ethnicity (check one):  African American  Hispanic/Latino American  Native American  Asian/Pacific Islander  Caucasian

Preferred section: (Please rank in order of interest: 1st, 2nd, 3rd.) Newspaper: TV: Radio:

Do you have any experience writing, editing, or shooting pictures or video? Explain.

How did you find out about this workshop?:  School  WABJ  The Washington Post  Other (specify)  
Newspaper Adviser or Journalism Instructor:



Professional journalists Chuck Johnson (HBO), Mario Ona (The Washington Post), Arwa Gunja (NPR), and Sam Ford (WJLA-TV) encourage students participating in the 2009 Urban Journalism Workshop.

## PART II : SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

### Section II: Writing Samples *(To be completed by every applicant.)*

Please complete the following assignments. This needs to be your own work.

- 1) **Type a 250-word autobiography.** As an aspiring young journalist, tell us about yourself. Be sure to include any media-related work you've done, what you want to do, what's important to you.
- 2) **Type a one-page, double-spaced essay on the following topic:** Why do I want to be in this program?
- 3) **Type a one-page, double-spaced essay that answers:** Why is the First Amendment important?

### Section III: Parental Consent *(To be completed by parent or guardian.)*

I, \_\_\_\_\_, hereby state that my child is in good health and give my permission for him/her to participate in the Washington Association of Black Journalists Urban Journalism Workshop. I also authorize the medical treatment of my child in the event of an emergency and the release of necessary medical records. Further, I agree that payment of such medical services will be my responsibility.

Parent's Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

