

# James Richard Bennett Scholarship

## Apply for an opportunity to attend the 2008 IRE Annual Conference in Miami

Investigative Reporters and Editors is the premier training organization for serious reporters. The IRE Annual Conference features experts from print, broadcast and online organizations sharing tips and techniques for winning stories. A computer Demo Room will have daily sessions about computer-assisted reporting topics, a TV Show & Tell room where broadcasters will screen their best work and a Reprint Room where copies of the top investigative work in the country will be available. IRE keeps registration fees low to encourage attendance at this top-notch training. Because it can still be tough to free up funds, IRE offers some grants to its conferences.

The James Bennett Scholarship allows a limited number of college students in Arkansas, Mississippi, Oklahoma or Louisiana to attend IRE's Annual Conference. The scholarships are made possible by a donation to IRE by Dr. James R. Bennett, professor of English, University of Arkansas. (The University of Arkansas-Fayetteville has a separate Bennett Fund to send student journalists to professional conferences; students attending school in Fayetteville should NOT submit applications to IRE, but should talk to their department head.)

Included: A one-year IRE student membership, waived conference registration fees, hotel accommodations at the conference hotel and up to \$500 in travel reimbursement. This award does not cover food or ancillary charges.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ School \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_

State \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP Code \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

### Submission Instructions please read carefully

1. Have you ever applied for an IRE or NICAR award before?  yes  no

If yes, did you receive funding?  yes  no

If yes, to which event and what year? \_\_\_\_\_

2. Attach a current resume.

3. Attach one letter of recommendation from a professor. The letter should comment on the applicant's strengths as a journalist, how the applicant could benefit from the award and what the applicant could contribute as a member of IRE.

4. Attach or include examples of your work which best represent your investigative reporting capability or promise. If you are a print reporter, include 2 clips on 8.5 X 11 paper. If you are a broadcast reporter, include a VHS tape, an audio tape (radio), or a transcript. If you are an editor or producer, include work you supervised. You may include a brief explanation of special contributions you made or hurdles you faced in completing this project.

5. Please include a copy of your college transcripts.

6. On a separate sheet of paper, answer the following question: **What are your career goals?**

7. Financial need is one criteria we use to select applicants. If you wish for financial need to be considered, please include a copy of your financial need transcript from your financial aid office which shows the cost of attending school and the amount in scholarships you've received or loans you've had to assume.

**NOTICE:** Materials submitted will NOT be returned.

**Mail completed applications, at least  
60 days before the event, to:**

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