

New Fellowship Awards for Freelance Investigative Journalists

Starting Feb. 15, 2008, Investigative Reporters and Editors (IRE) will accept applications from journalists who earn their living as freelancers. Fellowships will amount to \$1,000 or more to assist the fellows in conducting investigative projects. **Deadline for applications is April 30, 2008.**

The 2008 award applications will be scrutinized by three experienced freelance journalists; they are ineligible for the award while serving on the committee.

Proposals will be judged in part on the breadth, significance and potential impact of the investigative project. At the request of the donor, proposals dealing with whistleblowers, business ethics and/or privacy issues will receive priority; projects involving other topics will be given serious consideration by the committee as well. The freelance projects must be published or aired primarily in U.S. outlets.

IRE is a nonprofit educational and professional organization of more than 4,000 journalists working to foster excellence in journalism. Founded in 1975, IRE provides extensive training and resources through seminars, publications and a thriving Web site: www.ire.org.

Name _____ Affiliation, if applies _____
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, which fellowship and what year? _____

2. Attach a current resume.

3. 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.

4. On a separate sheet of paper, answer the following questions:

- Explain your freelance status in as much detail as necessary for the selection committee to determine your eligibility.
- Describe your project in a narrative of no fewer than 200 words and no more than 1000 words.
- How do you plan to spend the money if you receive one of the IRE freelance fellowships?
- If your project requires additional funding, how do you plan to raise the rest of the funding necessary to complete your project?
- Where do you hope to publish or air the project?
- Have you discussed publication with any specific outlets? If so, please summarize the conversations. If you have already signed a contract with a publisher or broadcast outlet, please provide specifics.
- If you receive one of the fellowships, when do you expect to deliver the project to a potential publisher or broadcast outlet?

NOTICE: Materials submitted will NOT be returned.

**Mail three copies of the completed form and attachments
by postmark deadline April 30, 2008, to:**

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For more information, visit www.ire.org/training/fellowships