

2012 BOHDAN KOLINSKY MEMORIAL Sports Journalism Scholarship

The Connecticut Sports Writers' Alliance is accepting applications for its ninth annual Bohdan "Bo" Kolinsky Memorial Journalism Scholarship. The scholarship honors the memory of Bohdan Kolinsky, longtime scholastic sports editor of the Hartford Courant, who died Dec. 14, 2003, at the age of 49.

The scholarship provides a minimum of \$1,000 to a secondary school senior from Connecticut who is admitted to an accredited four-year college for studies leading to a career in sports journalism. A winner of the scholarship may apply for increased grants for succeeding years of undergraduate study, provided that he/she meets standards of progress set by the Alliance. A student who remains a Kolinsky Scholar for four years may receive grants totaling \$6,500.

The 2011 winner, Daniel Sixsmith of Staples High School, has enrolled at Fordham University. Kolinsky Scholarships also are assisting students at Boston University and Syracuse University.

A student applying for the 2012 scholarship must submit, preferably as a single package:

- A completed application form (available soon at www.ctsportswriters.org).
- A one-page essay stating why the student wishes to pursue a career in sports journalism.
- A summary of the student's academic and employment history, showing involvement in journalism, other extracurricular activities, and awards received, if any.
- Evidence of good academic standing, including grade transcripts and SAT or ACT scores. Transcripts should be complete through at least one marking period of the current school year.
- A one-page letter of recommendation from a teacher, a faculty advisor or a professional print or broadcast journalist who supervises the applicant's work.
- Three samples of the applicant's writing published since Sept. 1, 2010. These may have been published in a daily or weekly newspaper, a magazine, a school publication or an online site. At least two samples must be relevant to sports. Applicants are encouraged to submit samples of varied types of writing: event coverage, feature story, investigative story, column etc.
- For each sample, the writer should include the name and address of the newspaper, magazine etc., and the date the article was published. Clippings, or legible photocopies thereof, are preferred. If an article has been heavily edited or pieced in publication, the applicant may submit a copy of the original version in addition to the clipping, together with an explanation.

Applicants will be judged on the basis of evidence of their promise as journalists and of their ability to successfully complete college-level academic work. Selections made by the Alliance are final and are not subject to appeal. The Alliance, at its sole discretion and subject to the availability of funds, may make additional awards.

All materials of any nature submitted by applicants become the property of the Connecticut Sports Writers' Alliance Inc., and none will be returned.

Seniors at public and private secondary schools in Connecticut who are residents of Connecticut and whose original (freshman-year) classes have not graduated are eligible to apply. Postgraduate or fifth-year students are not eligible.

Applications and supporting materials should be sent by U.S. mail to the Connecticut Sports Writers' Alliance, P.O. Box 70, Unionville, CT 06085-0070. **All applications and supporting materials must be received by 9 a.m. Eastern Standard Time on Monday, Feb. 6, 2012, or postmarked before 5 p.m. Friday, Feb. 3, 2012.** No late application will be considered.

The Kolinsky Scholarship winner will be honored at the Alliance's 2012 Gold Key Dinner on April 29 at the Aqua Turf in Southington.

If you have questions, please contact Robert Barton, Alliance scholarship chairman, via e-mail at RbrtBarton@aol.com or by voice mail at [\(860\) 677-0087](tel:(860)677-0087).

Please post.

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The Connecticut Sports Writers' Alliance will award a \$1,000 scholarship to a secondary school senior in Connecticut who plans to attend a four-year college with the aim of pursuing a career in sports journalism. The scholarship is renewable annually, subject to the student's ability to meet specified academic and other goals. **Please read the attached sheet for further instructions.**

APPLICATION

(Must reach mailing address above by Feb. 6, 2012)

NAME: _____

HOME ADDRESS: _____ APT. NO. _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP CODE: _____

HOME PHONE (_____) _____ E-MAIL _____

PARENT(S) OR GUARDIAN _____

HIGH SCHOOL: _____

GUIDANCE COUNSELOR _____ PHONE OR
E-MAIL _____

JOURNALISM/ENGLISH TEACHER _____ PHONE OR
E-MAIL _____