

# CONNECTICUT SPORTS WRITERS' ALLIANCE

## 2009 Kolinsky Journalism Scholarship

The Connecticut Sports Writers' Alliance is accepting applications for its Bohdan "Bo" Kolinsky Memorial 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 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 2008 winner, Amanda Montes de Oca of Danbury High School, has enrolled at the University of Connecticut. The 2007 winner, Tim Walsh of Lyman Memorial High School, Lebanon, is a sophomore at Stonehill College and the 2006 winner, Matthew Ehalt of Shelton High School, is a junior at Syracuse University.

A student applying for the 2009 scholarship must submit:

- A completed application form (available at [www.ctsportswriters.org](http://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, such as grade transcripts and SAT or ACT scores.
- A one-page letter of recommendation from a teacher, a faculty advisor or a print journalist who supervises the applicant's work.
- Three samples of the applicant's writing published since Sept. 1, 2007. These may have been published in a daily or weekly newspaper, a magazine, an online site or a school publication. At least two of the samples submitted must be relevant to sports. Applicants are encouraged to submit samples of varied types of writing: event coverage, feature story, column etc.  
For each sample, the writer must 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 not subject to appeal. The Alliance, at its sole discretion and subject to the availability of funds, may make additional awards.

All materials 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 mailed 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 Wednesday, Jan. 28, 2009, or postmarked before 5 p.m. Monday, Jan. 26, 2009.** No late application will be considered.

The Kolinsky Scholarship winner will be honored at the Alliance's 2009 Gold Key Dinner in April at the Aqua Turf in Southington.

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

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# Bohdan Kolinsky Memorial Scholarship

## For Sports Journalism, 2009

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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 attached sheet for further instructions.**

### APPLICATION

(Deadline: Jan. 28, 2009)

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

HIGH SCHOOL: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_ APT. NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_

CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP CODE: \_\_\_\_\_

HOME PHONE NUMBER: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ E-MAIL \_\_\_\_\_

PARENT(S) OR GUARDIAN \_\_\_\_\_

GUIDANCE COUNSELOR \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE OR  
E-MAIL \_\_\_\_\_

JOURNALISM/ENGLISH TEACHER \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE OR  
E-MAIL \_\_\_\_\_