



## **JOURNALISM DIVERSITY FUND 2010/2011 Bursary application form - confidential**

**Deadline: Friday 30<sup>th</sup> April 2010, 5pm**

### **IMPORTANT INFORMATION**

This application form is our first impression of you – consider its presentation and content very carefully. Shortlisting will be based entirely on your application and the answers you give to demonstrate your skills and abilities. Follow these hints to help you submit a strong application:

- read the application form thoroughly and give yourself plenty of time to complete it;
- the questions have been designed for you to tell us about yourself and highlight your skills and experience relevant to becoming a journalist;
- give examples to support your statements (keeping to word count);
- make your answers accurate and concise.

Shortlisted candidates will be invited for an interview in London on **Friday 11<sup>th</sup> June 2010**. You should make a note of this as an alternative interview day will not be available.

*Please note that the information you provide, such as name and address, will be held on the Journalism Diversity Fund database. It will not be disclosed outside the Journalism Diversity Fund without your consent.*

### **ABOUT YOU**

<b>First name:</b>	<b>Surname:</b>
<b>Preferred title (please delete):</b> Mr/Mrs/Ms/Miss	<b>Date of birth:</b>
<b>Sex (please delete):</b> male / female	<b>Email address:</b>
<b>Address:</b>	
<b>Is this (please delete):</b> Your parent's home / rented / self-owned?	
<b>Home phone:</b>	<b>Mobile:</b>

## **NCTJ COURSE APPLICATION DETAILS**

The **Journalism Diversity Fund** is open to people applying for NCTJ accredited courses. Please check the website or contact the NCTJ to ensure that the course you are applying for is accredited. **A final offer of a bursary will depend on confirmation that a place on a course has been secured.**

### ***First course applied to***

Centre name:	
Course title: Full-time or part-time	
Course dates	Start: _____ Finish: _____
Course fee:	

### ***Second course applied to (if applicable)***

Centre name:	
Course title: Full-time or part-time	
Course dates	Start: _____ Finish: _____
Course fee:	

## **EDUCATION**

**Starting with the most recent, please give details of your education and training.**

<b>Name of school/college/uni</b>	<b>Qualification and subjects:</b>	<b>Grade(s)</b>	<b>Date gained</b>

**EMPLOYMENT AND WORK EXPERIENCE**

Starting with the most recent, please detail your employment history. We would also like to know about your work experience, paid or unpaid, that you are doing or have been doing. Work experience might include student magazines, community radio, websites or charity publications (please continue on a separate sheet if necessary).

Name of employer	Role and brief description of duties	Dates (from/to)	Salary

**ADDITIONAL INCOME**

Complete this section to show any income you will receive throughout your course other than part time work e.g. income support.

**Have you applied for other methods of funding?**

George Viner Memorial Fund / Career Development Loan / Scott Trust Bursaries/  
Arts & Humanities Research Council / Student loan / Other:.....

**FUNDING**

**We need to know about your need for financial assistance and eligibility for funding. Are you self-supported?**

<p><b>Yes</b></p> <p>Please tell us how you support yourself.</p>	
<p><b>No</b></p> <p>Please tell us who supports you. Can they assist you financially in any way throughout your course?</p>	

**What are your parents' occupations? Please state their previous occupation if they are retired.**

**If your parents/partner/spouse cannot assist you financially, how will you fund your course and living expenses?**

**Why should the Journalism Diversity Fund offer YOU a bursary? Limit your answer to a maximum of 100 words.**

**How would you bring diversity to a newsroom? Limit your answer to a maximum of 100 words.**

**Choose a current news story. Why does it interest you? Summarise the key points and tell us how you would investigate, the angle you would take and who you would interview. Limit your answer to a maximum of 300 words.**

**We want to hear about your passion for journalism and/or current affairs. You may use any examples from work experience but if you don't have any hands-on journalism experience, what else demonstrates your passion and potential? Limit your answer to a maximum of 200 words.**

**We would like to see a piece of journalism you have completed. Where possible, you should attach ONE cutting AND your original copy. Please DO NOT provide a web link – attach a print out of the web page. If you do not have a piece of journalism, please attach a piece of writing which demonstrates your research skills, communication and perseverance.**

**Why did you decide to write this piece? What were the challenges in covering/writing this piece and how did you deal with them? Limit your answer to a maximum of 200 words.**

**BURSARY ELIGIBILITY CHECKLIST**

Individuals who make an application to the Journalism Diversity Fund **MUST** be able to meet ALL of the following criteria:

- provide proof that they have submitted an application or secured a place on an NCTJ accredited course starting in the academic year September 2010 – August 2011. Those who have already started a course are **not** eligible to apply – bursaries **must** be awarded prior to the course commencing;
- must come from a socially or ethnically diverse background;
- must not have the financial means to support themselves on an NCTJ accredited course;
- be a British citizen residing in the UK;
- can demonstrate genuine commitment and potential to be a successful journalist;
- must not be in receipt of any other bursary award.

**I confirm the information supplied on this form is correct and that I meet the eligibility criteria above.**

**Signature:**..... **Date:** ...../...../.....

**Please return both forms to:**

Journalism Diversity Fund  
c/o NCTJ  
The New Granary  
Station Road  
Newport  
Saffron Walden  
Essex  
CB11 3PL



## JOURNALISM DIVERSITY FUND Equal Opportunities Monitoring - confidential

The **Journalism Diversity Fund** is committed to equal opportunities for all, irrespective of race, colour, creed, ethnic or national origins, gender, marital status, sexuality, disability or age. Please provide the following information to help us monitor the effectiveness of our policies. Thank you.

**Please indicate your gender (please delete):**      male / female

**Date of birth:**...../...../.....      **Please tell us your age:**.....

**Ethnicity:**

<input type="checkbox"/> Asian or Asian British - Bangladeshi	<input type="checkbox"/> Mixed – White & Black African
<input type="checkbox"/> Asian or Asian British - Indian	<input type="checkbox"/> Mixed – White & Black Caribbean
<input type="checkbox"/> Asian or Asian British - Pakistani	<input type="checkbox"/> White – British English
<input type="checkbox"/> Asian or Asian British – other background	<input type="checkbox"/> White – British Scottish
<input type="checkbox"/> Black or Black British – Black African	<input type="checkbox"/> White – British Welsh
<input type="checkbox"/> Black or Black British – Black Caribbean	<input type="checkbox"/> White – Irish
<input type="checkbox"/> Black or Black British – other background	<input type="checkbox"/> White – other White background
<input type="checkbox"/> Chinese or Chinese British	<input type="checkbox"/> Other ethnic group
<input type="checkbox"/> Mixed – other mixed background	<input type="checkbox"/> Prefer not to disclose
<input type="checkbox"/> Mixed – White & Asian	

**Do you have any long-term illness, health problem or disability which limits your activities or the work you can do (please delete)?**

Yes / No

**If yes, please briefly explain:**

*This information will be treated in the strictest confidence and will be used only for statistical monitoring. It is not part of the selection process and will be separated from the application prior to any selection activity.*