

Teachers at Newspapers Program *A Summer Internship Program* *for High School Journalism Teachers and School Newspaper Advisers*

Program Summary

The newspapers of New Jersey are offering New Jersey high school journalism teachers a paid internship during the summer of 2008. The Teachers at Newspapers Program is designed to provide a teacher with a fresh perspective on newspapers today so he or she can share with students the variety of career opportunities and the skills talented writers and editors can bring to a newspaper and its readers. The internship recipient will be encouraged to enter the competition for the 2008 New Jersey High School Journalism Teacher of the Year. For details about that separate competition, go to: www.njnf.org.

Salary for Four Weeks: \$2,000 (more if the newspaper offers a longer internship)

Teachers selected for the program will be paid a salary of \$500 a week for four weeks and will be offered continuing education credit through the NJNF's registration with the N.J. Department of Education.

Teachers Design the Internship Experience

The internship may involve a short orientation and overview of the news, advertising, marketing, promotion and circulation departments of one sponsoring newspaper. The orientation period will be followed by work in the Newspaper in Education department of a newspaper and/or with the editor of the youth page or teen section of the newspaper. The goal will be to help the newspaper prepare students who will write youth-related content for the newspaper and to create educational materials for teachers, students and parents.

As part of the application, teachers are asked to write a 500-word essay to outline the type of experience(s) they want to receive, the difference that experience will make for the school newspaper, and how they would apply the experience in their teaching and other interaction with students.

The program will make every effort to assign the teachers to newspapers within a reasonable commute from their homes. Teachers are invited to list three preferred New Jersey newspapers.

Eligibility:

Teachers must have at least three years teaching experience, including at least one year as a journalism teacher or adviser to a high school newspaper. The school administration must agree that the teacher will return to journalism teaching / advising or will start or resume a high school newspaper at a New Jersey high school following the internship.

Application Deadline: February 15, 2008

The teacher intern will be selected soon after the February 15 deadline. The start of the internship will take into account the teacher's planned vacation time.

Teachers at Newspapers Program Application Form

Name _____ High School _____

School Address _____

City _____ State **NJ** ZIP _____

School Phone: _____

Home Address _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Home Phone: _____ E-Mail Address: _____

Publications Advised (name and type of publication, number of school years as adviser):

Journalism Classes Taught (name of classes, number of school years each class taught):

Application Attachments

1. Letter from a school administrator stating that you will be assigned duties as a journalism teacher or school newspaper adviser during the 2008-2009 school year.
2. A typed one-page description of the type of experience(s) you want to receive, the difference that experience will make for the school newspaper, and how you would apply the experience in your teaching and other interaction with students.
3. List three New Jersey newspapers (one must be a weekly) at which you would like to work as an intern.
4. Your résumé.
5. At least one, but a maximum of three writing samples editors can use to evaluate this application.

Where to mail your application:

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