**SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION:**

This is the 28th year Women Communicators of Austin will award student scholarships. During our annual Banner Brunch in 2017, we will award generous scholarships to full-time student(s) who demonstrate excellence in the study of communications and career commitment in mass communications or media. The scholarships may apply toward the recipient’s tuition, books, or other direct academic needs.

Women Communicators of Austin (WCA) champions the advancement of women across all communications disciplines by recognizing excellence, promoting leadership and positioning its members at the forefront of the evolving field of communications. Our organization dates back to 1929 and since 1989, WCA has awarded more than $60,000 in scholarships to students in the field of communications.

Today, WCA is one of the largest and most diverse professional communications organizations in Austin. Our membership includes more than three hundred women and men from across a broad spectrum of communication specialties including journalism, public relations, marketing, graphic design and corporate communications. Additional questions regarding this scholarship should be directed to Lisa Elmore, WCA Past President, at pastpresident@wcaustin.org.

**Please read the instructions for submitting your application carefully.**

**ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:**

* Full-time student status, currently enrolled in Spring 2017 with a minimum of 12 hours
* Minimum Grade Point Average (GPA) of 3.00
* Completed at least 30 hours
* Demonstrated career commitment in mass communications or media
* Attending a Central Texas college or university
* Both male and female students are eligible for this scholarship

**DEADLINE:**  March 1, 2017

**PLEASE SUBMIT:**

[ ]  Completed, signed application

[ ]  Completed supplemental information sections

[ ]  Current resume

[ ]  At least two (2), and no more than four (4), letters of recommendation. At least one must be submitted by a college professor. Letters of recommendation must be emailed directly from the writer to the Scholarship Review and Selection Committee through Lisa Elmore at pastpresident@wcaustin.org. With your application, submit a list of individuals whom you have asked to submit recommendations on your behalf, along with their contact information (email and phone number).

**Send completed applications to:**

Lisa Elmore, WCA Past President

pastpresident@wcaustin.org

Subject line: 2017 Jo Caldwell Meyer Scholarship Application from [your name]

All application materials must be typed. If all application materials are not submitted by the above deadline and according to the submission instructions, the Scholarship Review and Selection Committee will disqualify the applicant. All applicants will be notified by e-mail of the committee’s decision, so please use a valid and current e-mail address where you may be reached after March 1, 2017.

If selected as a scholarship recipient, you will be honored at the Women Communicators of Austin’s Annual Banner Brunch and Awards Ceremony in spring 2017.

**If selected, would you be able to attend as our guest?**  [ ]  Yes [ ]  No

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| **EDUCATION** |  |  |  |
| **Department in which you are/will be enrolled:** |  |  |
| [ ]  Advertising [ ]  Communication Sciences & Disorders [ ]  Speech Communication[ ]  Print Journalism [ ]  Communications Studies [ ]  Radio/TV/Film[ ]  Broadcast Journalism [ ]  Public Relations [ ]  Other |
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**HONORS**

List academic distinctions, honors and/or awards:

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**ACTIVITIES & INVOLVEMENT**

Please list any other extracurricular activities including campus, professional and community service organizations you are involved in. Include any offices or committee positions held.

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**SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION**

You may attach additional sheet(s). Please identify the career you have chosen and the reasons for your choice. Be sure to include extracurricular activities as well as campus, professional and community service organizations and activities that demonstrate your abilities and/or career potential. The committee is looking for demonstrated career commitment in mass communications or media. This could include, besides a declared major in a related field, internships in those fields, extensive volunteering for organizations in those fields or paid work in those fields. In your supplemental information, address why you are deserving of this scholarship, ***both academically and financially***. Feel free to mention any work experience you feel has added to your overall knowledge.

***Applicants are strongly encouraged to submit additional material with their applications. If you have previously applied for a Jo Caldwell Meyer Scholarship, you cannot submit the same supplemental material as submitted with previous applications.***

**WORK EXPERIENCE**

Please detail your job history, most current position first and the number of hours worked per week. Include employer name, supervisor, nature of work performed, dates of employment, address, phone number and email, if available.

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***(Use additional sheets if necessary)***

# LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION

(At least two (2) and no more than four (4) letters of recommendation, with at least one being from a college professor, are required and **must be received by March 1, 2017**.)

[ ]  Letters of Recommendation from the following individuals will be emailed direct to

Lisa Elmore at pastpresident@wcaustin.org

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**Please read the following before signing:**

I understand that the educational and financial information requested on this application is confidential and will be kept confidential by Women Communicators of Austin. I attest that to the best of my knowledge, all information on this form is complete and accurate. Further, I understand that in order to receive this scholarship I must meet the eligibility requirements, including being enrolled as a full-time student pursuing a career in the field of communications and registered for at least 12 semester hours during the term the scholarship is awarded.

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| **Signature:** |  |
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