

## Scripps Howard Fund x NJCIC Fall 2026 Internship Program

### Frequently Asked Questions

The Scripps Howard Fund and the New Jersey Civic Information Consortium are partnering to provide **New Jersey's** students with journalism experience by working at nonprofit newsrooms that serve communities in New Jersey.

The Jersey Vindicator, CivicStory and Follow South Jersey will each provide different learning and reporting opportunities. You can read each outlet's job description in the application.

There will be a Q & A session with hiring managers 6-7 p.m. (ET), Tuesday, June 16. You must pre-register (it will not be recorded). Click this link for the [Q & A Registration](#)

Application Link: [2026 SHF x NJCIC Fall Internships for New Jersey Students](#)

**When is the deadline?** The application deadline is Tuesday, June 30 at 11:59 p.m. (ET).

**How long are these internships?** Each internship will be for at least 10 weeks.

**Are these paid internships?** Yes. Each internship pays a minimum of \$20 per hour. Some individual newsrooms will pay more.

**Do I get a stipend upfront?** You will be paid by the host newsroom on its payroll schedule.

**Who is eligible to apply?** These internships are open to college students (undergraduate and graduate) who attend New Jersey universities. 2025-26 school year college graduates from New Jersey universities are also eligible.

**Do I have to complete the application in one sitting?** No, there is an opportunity to save your draft within Submittable and return to it, in progress.

#### **What do I do if I need technical assistance with the application process?**

Please [contact Submittable](#) for any technical difficulties. If you need further assistance, contact Jill Ruther, program operations specialist for the Scripps Howard Fund, at [jill.ruther@scripps.com](mailto:jill.ruther@scripps.com).

**Can I apply to more than one newsroom?** Yes, there is an opportunity in the application to submit to more than one newsroom.

#### **What happens after my application is submitted?**

Hiring managers from each newsroom review the resumes from qualified applicants. Over the next several weeks, *each newsroom's* hiring manager will contact the candidates they want to interview, etc.

**When will candidates be notified about their application status?** We are asking newsrooms to have their candidates hired by mid-July 2026.

#### **What does it mean if my status changes in Submittable?**

Please disregard any shifts of your application's status from "In-progress" or to "Completed."

**What if I receive an offer before I hear back from this internship?**

Managers know you are applying for other internships/jobs and cannot afford to wait to secure your next move. We are confident that you will make the best decision for your future.

**What should I expect if I am hired by a newsroom?**

Once you are hired by a host newsroom you will be asked to complete the required paperwork. You will be eligible to apply for additional financial help from a support fund to help alleviate any obstacles (travel expenses, rent, work clothes) that might interfere with you accepting or completing the internship. You will also be expected to participate in professional development sessions provided by the Scripps Howard Fund. These virtual sessions will introduce you to other interns and journalists across the country.

**What if I have questions that were not addressed here?**

Contact Allison Hunter, journalism program manager for the Scripps Howard Fund, at [allison.hunter@scripps.com](mailto:allison.hunter@scripps.com).