



Application Form for Public Affairs Reporting Program

I hereby make application to the Public Affairs Reporting program at the University of Illinois at Springfield, Springfield, Illinois. I agree, if selected as a finalist, to come to Springfield at my own expense for an interview with the PAR Admissions Committee on a weekend in mid-April. I understand that the program is limited, both by budget and availability of media for intern placement, to 18 students. I am likewise aware that during the internship period, from January through June, I will receive a stipend and that tuition is waived during that period. Deadline for submission of application is April 1.

(PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT)

Name _____
(last) (first) (middle)

Mailing Address _____
(street) (city) (state) (zipcode)

Telephone (home) _____ (work) _____

E-mail Address _____

Home Address _____
(if other than above) (street) (city) (state) (zipcode)

Telephone (home) _____ (work) _____

Social Security No. _____ Date of Birth _____

We are requesting your Social Security Number pursuant to Public Law 93-579 for the University's system of student records as well as for compliance with federal and state reporting requirements. A Social Security Number is required if you are applying for financial aid but is not required for admission to the University. Providing a Social Security Number will, however, speed up the processing of your application since we will not need to manually match your application with other materials such as transcripts and test scores. Supplying an SSN ensures that you will be able to claim the Hope Tax Credit if you are eligible on your federal tax return. The University has a strong commitment to ensuring the privacy and confidentiality of student records and will not disclose your Social Security Number without your consent for any purpose except as allowed by law.

Education (beyond high school):

<u>INSTITUTION (city and state)</u>	<u>MAJOR/MINOR FIELD</u>	<u>DATES</u>	<u>DEGREE</u>

Overall Undergraduate GPA (using a 4.00 scale): _____

Grade-Point Average in your major: _____

If you have received graduate credit, list the courses and hours.

<u>DATE</u>	<u>GRADUATE COURSE</u>	<u>SCHOOL</u>	<u>CREDIT HOURS</u>

(over)

List below any previous journalism experience.

<u>MEDIUM (city and state)</u>	<u>NATURE OF WORK</u>	<u>DATES</u>

Other experience (teaching, research, professional, business, etc.):

<u>INSTITUTION OR ORGANIZATION (city and state)</u>	<u>NATURE OF WORK</u>	<u>DATES</u>

Rate the various media with your priority of interest (1, 2, 3, etc.). This simply indicates initial interest to the program director.

RADIO _____ MEDIUM DAILY NEWSPAPERS _____ WEEKLIES _____ TV _____

WIRE SERVICE _____ METRO DAILY NEWSPAPERS _____ MAGAZINES _____

OTHER _____

Please list below three references, **whom you will contact**, to send evaluations of yourself to the PAR director before April 1:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>	<u>PHONE</u>

How did you hear about the PAR program? _____

Do you type? _____ Approximate words per minute: _____

Please submit samples of your writing with your application (newspaper clips, radio/TV scripts, tapes, etc.). If these are unavailable, send another form of writing (term paper, etc.). Also, arrange to have transcripts sent.

Include with your application a **narrative statement** (approximately 300 words) explaining why you want to enroll in the program and why you feel qualified. Mention your past work, educational and/or professional experiences, honors you have received, etc., that you believe qualify you for admittance to the program.

 (Signature) _____
(Date)

Mail to: Charles N. Wheeler III, PAC 326, University of Illinois at Springfield, One University Plaza, MS PAC 340, Springfield, IL 62703-5407