General Scholarship Information

The Lora J. DeFore Memorial Endowed Scholarship was created in memory of long-time MSU Department of Communication instructor Lora DeFore. DeFore taught a variety of courses and served as the department's public relations coordinator and internship coordinator over her 19 years of service to the university. DeFore spent countless hours helping students secure internships and teaching the communication internship course. The scholarship aims to give financial aid to students who have secured an internship or are trying to secure an internship for summer 2015. No preference will be given to students who have already secured an internship. If a student applies for and is awarded the scholarship and does not secure an internship, he or she must forfeit the funds.

Application Deadline

Application packets must be submitted to the main office McComas 130 by 5 p.m. on Thursday, April 2, 2015. Incomplete packets will NOT be considered. See instructions for details.

Who Should Apply?

Candidates for the Lora J. DeFore Memorial Scholarship:
1. Must be a full-time student at Mississippi State University majoring in communication.
2. Should have at least 45 total hours of coursework with a 3.0 overall GPA.
3. Will be considered as eligible with a lower overall GPA if the student has a 3.5 GPA in communication courses after taking a minimum of 15 hours of communication courses.
4. Must have secured or be in the process of securing an internship to be eligible. 5. Students who are recipients one year are not eligible for consideration in any other year.

Application Packet Instructions

A complete packet includes 7 application forms, 7 copies of a letter of request, and 7 copies of the applicant's resume, all organized into 7 individual applications. Use the check sheet below to make sure you submit all requested materials.

- **Completed application form:** Complete the form and make 6 copies. Submit all 7 forms with the proper documents attached.

- **Letter of request:** Write a letter of request to the Intern Scholarship Committee explaining why you are deserving of a scholarship to help fund your internship endeavor. Include information about the potential internships you are pursuing and explain anything you believe will help us make a decision regarding your application. Explanations of financial or personal need may be submitted, including an estimation of expenses to be incurred while completing the internship. Make 6 copies of the letter and include one letter with each completed application. The letter should be no more than two pages.

- **Resume:** Make 7 copies of your personal resume and include a copy in each of the 7 application packets you submit.

The internship must be supervised by working professionals who are non-relatives. Individuals awarded the scholarship will be informed of additional requirements before they accept the scholarship. For more information or questions, please contact: Amy Fountain at afountain@comm.msstate.edu
Name __________________________________________________________  ________________________

Last      First         Middle  Preferred Name

MSU ID # _____________________________________ Net ID ______________________

Communication Concentration Areas (Circle All That Apply)

Broadcasting  Communication Studies  Journalism  Public Relations  Theatre

CO Minor _______________________________________   Expected Graduation Date ________________

Other Majors: ____________________________________   Other Minors:____________________________

Current Address
_______________________________________________________________________________________

Permanent Address
_______________________________________________________________________________________

Cell Phone _________________________________   Home Phone   ____________________________

Email  _________________________________________________________________________

AFFIRMATION

I hereby affirm the information I have provided on this application is accurate, and I have not
provided misleading statements. I grant permission to the Communication Internship Program
Office to review my student records.
Signature ____________________________________________Date  _______________________________