

## 2026 Hutchinson News Future Journalist Scholarship

Thank you for your interest in The Hutchinson News Future Journalist Scholarship, which has been established to help incoming college students in their quest to become professional journalists.

The scholarship is open to high school seniors who attend school in The Hutchinson News coverage area. Two scholarships will be awarded: a \$2,000 winner and a \$1,000 runner-up.

- Candidates must be enrolled, or plan to enroll, in a journalism, photojournalism or communications program at an accredited college or university, with preference given to journalism students.
- Applicants must have a minimum 3.0 grade point average.

### **Candidates must include these required materials for consideration:**

- A completed application form (below)
- A separate one-page essay written by the applicant explaining why the applicant wants to pursue a career in journalism, photojournalism, or communications
- Three letters of reference – one must be from a current faculty member at the applicant's high school
- High school transcript
- Journalism and communications applicants should also send two writing samples for review; writing from a journalism class, creative writing class or an English composition class are acceptable submissions.
- Photojournalism applicants, in addition to their personal essay, must submit five photos, along with a detailed essay about at least one of the photos.

The application deadline for the 2025-2026 school year is **Friday, March 27<sup>th</sup>, 2026, by noon**. Please complete the application below and return it along with the supporting materials to Hutchinson Community Foundation at the address listed.

## **The Hutchinson News Future Journalist Scholarship application**

Name:

Address:

City, State & Zip:

Phone number:

E-mail:

High School:

Graduation date:

College choice:

Parents name:

Parents address:

Parents phone number:

**Mail** this application form and the required materials listed in the guidelines to:

The Hutchinson News Future Journalist Scholarship  
c/o The Hutchinson Community Foundation  
PO Box 298  
Hutchinson, KS 67504-0298

**Or**

**Hand deliver** application packets to:

Hutchinson Community Foundation  
1 N. Main  
First National Center  
Suite 501  
(take a left off the elevator)

**There is a locked drop box if office is closed.**

**Deadline – Friday, March 27<sup>th</sup>, 2026 (noon).** Contact Jan Steen at Hutchinson Community Foundation with questions. (620-663-5293 or [jan@HutchCF.org](mailto:jan@HutchCF.org))