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## **APPLICATIONS OPEN FOR WNC'S 2009 DICK LARSEN & HERB ROBINSON SCHOLARSHIPS**

The Washington News Council is accepting applications for two **\$2,000 scholarships** to be awarded in 2009 to Washington state students planning careers in communications:

- The **Dick Larsen Scholarship** will go to a past graduate of a Washington high school currently enrolled in a public or private college/university in this state.
- The **Herb Robinson Scholarship** will go to a graduating Washington high-school senior who is entering a public or private college/university in this state.

The scholarship program is open to students with a serious interest in communications – journalism, public relations, politics, or a related field. Awards will be based on scholastic achievement, financial need, and the quality of a written essay. To be eligible, you must have demonstrated potential in the field of communications, and a clear need for financial assistance. *(For an application form, see [www.wanewscouncil.org](http://www.wanewscouncil.org).)*

**Dick Larsen**, who died in April 2001, was one of the most respected political reporters in Washington state. He served for more than 20 years as political writer, editorial columnist and associate editor at The Seattle Times, and later wrote a column for the Eastside Journal. He also worked in politics and public relations, and was also an accomplished illustrator/cartoonist.

**Herb Robinson**, who died in October 2003, was among the state's most respected print and broadcast journalists. He was editorial-page editor at The Seattle Times for 12 years and a member of the editorial board for more than 20 years. He was previously news director at KOMO-TV, where he started and anchored its first news broadcast program.

We offer these scholarships to honor the high standards of fairness, accuracy and balance in journalism and communications that Dick and Herb achieved throughout their careers.

To apply, you must submit a completed application form, two letters of reference, a school transcript, and three samples of your work. Send all application materials to:

**Scholarship Committee  
Washington News Council  
P.O. Box 3672  
Seattle, WA 98124-3672**

All materials must be postmarked no later than **April 15, 2009**. The Scholarship Committee may interview finalists and/or speak with references. Winners will be notified in May 2009. If you have any questions, please call the WNC office at 206-262-9793.

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2009 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION FORM, PART I**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Sex: M \_\_\_ F \_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Current School: \_\_\_\_\_ Graduation Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Where would you use the scholarship? \_\_\_\_\_

**(FOR SECTIONS BELOW, ATTACH A SEPARATE SHEET IF YOU PREFER.)**

**RELEVANT EXPERIENCE** – List any communications experience or jobs you have had:

| Organization/Activity | Dates | Supervisor | Phone |
|-----------------------|-------|------------|-------|
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**LEADERSHIP ACTIVITIES:**

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\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**OTHER JOBS:**

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**HONORS/AWARDS:**

\_\_\_\_\_  
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**VERIFICATION:** I affirm that the information included with my application is true and accurate in all respects, and that I intend to pursue a career in communications. I also understand that any awarded funds will be sent directly to my student account at the accredited institution listed on my application upon verification of my full-time status.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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## **2009 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION FORM, PART II**

**1. Essay** – Write an essay of no more than 750 words on one of the following topics:

Professional journalists have always been expected to keep to certain ethical standards. Are these standards harder to honor in today's digital age? Explain.

How do you, as a young adult, access the news of the day? What is important to you in your choice of news sources? Be specific.

**2. Financial Need** – List your approximate college expenses for the school year, including tuition, books, room and board. List sources of funds, including contributions from your family, other scholarships, job income, loans or gifts.

**3. References** – Have two letters of reference MAILED DIRECTLY to the Scholarship Committee by your references. The letters should be from people who know you, your work and your character. Do not include any relatives.

**4. Work Samples** – Include no more than three samples of your best work related to communications. These may be articles, editorials, columns, essays, cartoons, photographs, videotapes, audiotapes, websites, or other communications media.

**5. School Transcript** – Have your latest OFFICIAL high school or college grade transcript MAILED DIRECTLY to the Scholarship Committee by the school.

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**REMINDER: (POSTMARK) DEADLINE IS APRIL 15, 2009. Applicants will be informed of their status by mid May.**

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IMPORTANT SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION ENCLOSED

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