



BALL STATE UNIVERSITY

College of Communication,
Information, and Media
Department of Telecommunications

TCOM Scholarships Criteria and Application Requirements | AY 2020-2021

Bill Bryant Sports Production Scholarship | \$1,000.00

This scholarship was established as a memorial to TCOM alumnus Bill Bryant in honor of his passion for sports production.

Criteria

- Major or minor in Telecommunications, declared in Sports Production concentration, and actively enrolled at time of application.
- Minimum GPA of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale.
- Junior standing (60+ credits) at the time of application.
- Demonstrated evidence of mentoring underclassmen.
- Must be enrolled at Ball State in a semester that falls within the 12 months immediately following the announcement of the award (Summer 21, Fall 21, Spring 22).
- Has the skills to produce/direct live sports, as verified by the Senior Director of Digital Sports Production.
- Demonstrated writing skills and creativity through visual composition and post-production.
- Submit a 1-2 page essay on why you deserve this scholarship, documenting your achievements in sports production.

A complete application packet for this scholarship includes:

- TCOM Scholarship Application Cover Sheet
- Resume (1-page only)
- Personal biography (approx. 200 words)
- 1-2 page essay explaining why you deserve this scholarship, documenting your achievements in sports production.
- Current DegreeWorks audit

All scholarship applications are due by Monday, April 12, 2021 at 5:00 p.m. See cover sheet for submission instructions.

Chad Muller Editorial Scholarship I \$1,000.00

This scholarship was established as a memorial to TCOM student Chad Muller in honor of his creativity and dedication to production.

Criteria:

- Senior (90+ credits) Telecommunications major at Ball State University.
- Preference given to those pursuing the concentration in Digital Production/Emerging Media.
- Likely to pursue a career in film/video editing.
- Consistently involved in student, personal, and/or professional TCOM projects.
- Must be enrolled at Ball State for a semester that falls within the 12 months immediately following the announcement of the award (Summer 21, Fall 21, Spring 22).

A complete application packet for this scholarship includes:

- TCOM Scholarship Application Cover Sheet
- Resume (1-page only)
- Personal biography (approx. 200 words)
- Current DegreeWorks audit

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David Letterman Scholarship | 3 Awards: \$10,000, \$5,000, and \$3,333

The Letterman Telecommunications Scholarships were established in the 1985-1986 school year by David M. Letterman, a 1970 radio-television graduate of Ball State. The purpose is to provide financial assistance to Ball State majors and minors in Telecommunications.

Visit the [TCOM scholarship page](#) for David Letterman Scholarship information and application.

All scholarship applications are due by Monday, April 12, 2021 at 5:00 p.m. See Letterman Scholarship application for submission instructions.

Dave and Lucy Smith TCOM Intern Scholarship for Minorities I \$1,000.00

This scholarship was established to help students complete an industry internship for TCOM credit.

Criteria:

- Students with high potential for success in the TCOM industry, regardless of GPA.
- Demonstrated financial need.
- Preference will be given to African-American students.
- Must be able to produce proof of a secured internship.
- Must be a major or minor in Telecommunications at Ball State and be actively enrolled at the time of application.
- Must enroll in TCOM 391 at Ball State for a semester that falls within the 12 months immediately following the announcement of the award (Summer 21, Fall 21, Spring 22). Must meet all TCOM internship requirements.

A complete application packet for this scholarship includes:

- TCOM Scholarship Application Cover Sheet
- Resume (1-page only)
- Personal biography (approx. 200 words)
- Current DegreeWorks audit
- Evidence of financial need may also be submitted

Following completion of the Internship, students receiving the award are required to write an evaluation paper on the following:

- What this internship has meant to the recipient
- The significance of the internship in preparing the recipient for work in media
- Suggestions for making this internship experience even more useful in the future

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“Dr. Joe” TCOM Scholarship | \$1,000.00

This scholarship was established by the family of Dr. Joe Misiewicz, former professor and chairperson of the Telecommunications Department at Ball State University, to honor Dr. Joe for his commitment to the department, his passion for teaching, and his contribution to the field of broadcast media over the years.

Criteria

- Major or minor in TCOM, preferably Media Promotion and Management concentration.
- Minimum 3.0 overall GPA.
- Junior standing (60+ credits) at the time of application.
- Demonstrated leadership at Ball State.
- Must be a major or minor in Telecommunications at Ball State and be actively enrolled at the time of application.
- Must be enrolled at Ball State for a semester that falls within the 12 months immediately following the announcement of the award (Summer 21, Fall 21, Spring 22).

A complete application packet for this scholarship includes:

- TCOM Scholarship Application Cover Sheet
- Resume (1-page only)
- Personal biography (approx. 200 words)
- Current DegreeWorks audit
- A one-page, typed, double-spaced essay on how you have demonstrated leadership at Ball State

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Jim & Linda Needham Telecommunications Scholarship | \$1,000.00

This scholarship was established to help students complete an industry internship for TCOM credit.

Criteria:

- Must be a major or minor in Telecommunications at Ball State and be actively enrolled at the time of application.
- Internship may not be for a company that is owned or operated by a relative of the proposed intern.
- Must enroll in TCOM 391 at Ball State for a semester that falls within the 12 months immediately following the announcement of the award (Summer 21, Fall 21, Spring 22).
- Must demonstrate commitment to TCOM activities and personal excellence.
- Must have at least a 3.0 overall GPA in all courses completed at Ball State for the semester immediately preceding the date of application (Fall 20). Must meet all TCOM internship requirements.
- Junior/Senior standing (60+ credits) at the time of submitting the application.
- Must submit a 1-2 page statement demonstrating the student's writing ability and indicating why the student needs the scholarship to participate in an internship.

A complete application packet for this scholarship includes:

- TCOM Scholarship Application Cover Sheet
- Resume (1-page only)
- Personal biography (approx. 200 words)
- Current DegreeWorks audit
- Evidence of financial need may also be submitted
- 1-2 page statement demonstrating the student's writing ability and indicating why the student needs the scholarship to participate in an internship.

Following completion of the internship, students receiving the award are required to write an evaluation paper on the following:

- What this internship has meant to the recipient
- The significance of the internship in preparing the recipient for work in media
- Suggestions for making this internship experience even more useful in the future

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Molly Dailey Internship Scholarship I \$1,000.00 - \$3,000.00

Awarded to help a student(s) with expenses related to pursuit of an internship.

Criteria:

- Must be a major in Telecommunications at Ball State and actively enrolled at the time of application.
- Must have at least a 2.5 overall GPA in courses completed at Ball State through the semester immediately preceding the date of application (Fall 20) and no course grades lower than a C.
- Citizens of the United States and Indiana will be given preference.
- Must enroll in TCOM 391 at Ball State for a semester that falls within the 12 months immediately following the announcement of the award (Summer 21, Fall 21, Spring 22). Must meet all TCOM internship requirements.

A complete application packet for this scholarship includes:

- TCOM Scholarship Application Cover Sheet
- Resume (1-page only)
- Personal biography (approx. 200 words)
- Current DegreeWorks audit
- 2-3 page essay, typed, on why the internship is vital to the student's future career plans

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Morry E. Mannies Sportscasting Scholarship | \$1,000.00

This scholarship was established by the family of Morry E. Mannies, the “Voice of the Cardinals,” to honor Morry’s 50 years of broadcast sports announcing.

Criteria:

- TCOM junior or senior standing (60+ credits) at the time of application.
- Preference to applicant with sportscasting experience.
- Declared interest in sportscasting.
- Consideration given to academic achievement.
- Must be enrolled at Ball State for a semester that falls within the 12 months immediately following the announcement of the award (Summer 21, Fall 21, Spring 22).

A complete application packet for this scholarship includes:

- TCOM Scholarship Application Cover Sheet
- Resume (1-page only)
- Personal biography (approx. 200 words)
- Current DegreeWorks audit
- 1-page essay, typed, double-spaced, declaring your interest in a career in sportscasting

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Sports Link Legacy Scholarship I \$1,000.00

The purpose of the Fund is to provide scholarships to Ball State University students in accordance with the following preferences:

Criteria:

- Student must be admitted to Ball State University and be accepted into the Digital Sports Production track (Sports Link); and
- Student must be pursuing a career in sports media or the sports industry at large and maintain a minimum 3.0 GPA with demonstrated leadership at Ball State or in high school.

A complete application packet for this scholarship includes:

- TCOM Scholarship Application Cover Sheet
- Resume (1-page only)
- Personal biography (approx. 200 words)
- Current DegreeWorks audit

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Swim Family Scholarship I \$1,000.00

This scholarship was established by Scott Swim, an alumnus of the Department of Telecommunications (TCOM) at Ball State University.

Criteria:

- Must be a major or minor in Telecommunications at Ball State and be actively enrolled at the time of application
- Must have at least a 3.0 overall GPA in courses completed at Ball State through the semester immediately preceding the date of application as well as a minimum 3.0 GPA in TCOM courses
- Must enroll in TCOM 391 at Ball State for a semester that falls within the 12 months immediately following the announcement of the award (Summer 21, Fall 21, Spring 22). Must meet all TCOM internship requirements.
- Preference will be given to an out-of-state internship
- Must provide 2 letters of support indicating student has the skill sets to work in a media environment

A complete application packet for this scholarship includes:

- TCOM Scholarship Application Cover Sheet
- Resume (1-page only)
- Personal biography (approx. 200 words)
- Current DegreeWorks audit
- 2 letters of support indicating student has the skill sets to work in a media environment

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Steve Bell Memorial Scholarship for Ethics in News Reporting | \$1,000.00

This award honors former ABC News Correspondent Steve Bell, teacher, mentor, and advisor to TCOM news students for 15 years, and the first Edmund F. and Virginia B. Ball Chair in Telecommunications (1992-97). In a nearly 40-year career in broadcast journalism, he reported on many of the world's most important stories, including the assassinations of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and Sen. Robert Kennedy. He was a Vietnam War correspondent and later served as Hong Kong Bureau Chief for ABC. He also was the first news anchor of ABC's Good Morning America.

Criteria:

- To recognize students who demonstrate the highest ethics in journalistic conduct illustrated by a commitment to integrity, accuracy, fairness and thoroughness in reporting. Students should demonstrate impartiality yet show compassion in covering issues that affect our nation and world affairs.
- To award students who develop thorough content knowledge and who apply themselves not only inside but outside the classroom. Award recipients should produce a significant portfolio while remaining committed to verifying facts, providing a balance of viewpoints and demonstrating respect for sources and individuals impacted by their stories.
- Full-time undergraduate students majoring in Telecommunications/Journalism News with a minimum of 30+ credit hours and a minimum GPA of 3.2 on a 4.0 scale;
- Awards can be used for tuition and fees; books and classroom materials; and expenses related to securing a first job in news following graduation that includes but is not limited to: the production of media and resumes, application fees, and travel that are a part of the job search process.
- Selection will be at the discretion of the department chair and scholarship committee.

A complete application packet for this scholarship includes:

- TCOM Scholarship Application Cover Sheet
- Resume (1-page only)
- Personal biography (approx. 200 words)
- Current DegreeWorks audit

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TCOM Faculty Scholarship I \$1,000.00

This scholarship was established to help students complete an industry internship for TCOM credit.

Criteria:

- Must be a major or minor in Telecommunications at Ball State and be actively enrolled at the time of application
- Must enroll in TCOM 391 at Ball State for a semester that falls within the 12 months immediately following the announcement of the award (Summer 21, Fall 21, Spring 22). Must meet all TCOM internship requirements.
- A 1-2 page statement why this scholarship would benefit recipient during the internship
- Must have at least a 3.0 overall GPA in courses completed at Ball State through the semester immediately preceding the date of application.
- Junior/Senior standing (60+ credits) at the time of submitting the application

A complete application packet for this scholarship includes:

- TCOM Scholarship Application Cover Sheet
- Resume (1-page only)
- Personal biography (approx. 200 words)
- Current DegreeWorks audit
- Evidence of financial need may also be submitted
- A 1-2 page statement why this scholarship would benefit recipient during the internship

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