

The Massachusetts Broadcasters Association Student Broadcaster Scholarship Program



Our Association is committed to encouraging students who are interested in the radio and/or television industry to further their education in the field. Students interested in a career in over-the-air broadcasting are encouraged to apply for a scholarship from the Massachusetts Broadcasters Association.

Who is the Massachusetts Broadcasters Association?

Established in 1954, the Massachusetts Broadcasters Association is a non-profit trade association for over-the-air radio and television stations in Massachusetts. Alongside supporting those already in the industry, the Massachusetts Broadcasters Association aims to promote broadcasting as a viable and opportunistic career choice.

Who should apply for the Student Broadcaster Scholarship?

Students who are permanent residents of Massachusetts, have declared a communications-related major, and are in the process of enrolling, or are currently enrolled, at an accredited institution of higher learning are encouraged to apply for a **\$2,500 scholarship**. Such institutions include vocational schools, 2 or 4-year colleges or universities offering degrees in radio and television broadcasting. Applying students must meet their school's status of a full-time student. The school does not need to be within the Bay State.

The Al Sprague Memorial Scholarship was established to honor the former President of the Massachusetts Broadcasters Association. Mr. Sprague left his mark on broadcasting in the Commonwealth and to honor his legacy, one **\$4,000 scholarship** will be awarded annually to the student who shows the most promise in industry advocacy, leadership and entrepreneurship.

How will award recipients be selected?

The selection process for scholarships will take into account such factors as financial need, academic merit, community service, extra-curricular activities and work experience. Highest priority will be given to students with the most limited financial resources. Student applications are reviewed and selected by broadcasters who are participating members of the Massachusetts Broadcasters Association Student Broadcaster Scholarship Program.

How and when are awards disbursed?

Scholarship payments will be made payable to both the student and the school and will be awarded in time for the 2026 fall semester. Students receiving a scholarship will be contacted and a check presentation will be arranged. Letters of regret are sent to those students who have not been awarded aid.

What is the application process?

Please complete the application and return it to the Massachusetts Broadcasters Association by email to Jordan@massbroadcasters.org or by mail at PO Box 857, Clark, NJ 07066 by Friday, April 17, 2026. For emailed applications, student transcripts may be mailed separately. Applications that are late, incomplete, or faxed will not be considered.

Additional applications can be downloaded or printed at massbroadcasters.org/scholarship.

REMINDER:

Applications for an MBA Student Broadcaster Scholarship must be postmarked or emailed by

April 17, 2026

Applications postmarked or emailed after the deadline will not be accepted.

Questions can be directed to Executive Director Jordan Walton at jordan@massbroadcasters.org.

This is an ELECTRONIC INTERACTIVE FORM that can be opened and completed from your computer.

Do not complete this form using Apple Preview. **Use Adobe Acrobat Reader.**

Be sure to "save as" with unique file name that includes your full name.

This form may also be printed and completed using BLUE OR BLACK INK (please PRINT) or TYPED.

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Student Name: _____
First _____ Middle _____ Last _____

Mailing Address: _____
Street/P.O. Box _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Non-school Email Address (gmail, yahoo, etc.): _____

Phone: () - _____ Birth Date: ____/____/____ (Example: 11/26/2008)

I am a: high school senior undergraduate student graduate student

High School: _____
Name _____ City _____ State _____ Graduation Date: _____ (mmm yyyy)

School You Plan to Attend in Fall: _____

Anticipated Graduation Date: _____ (mmm yyyy, Example Jun 2028)

My School is a: 4-year college or university 2-year college vocational-technical school 2028

I will be a: freshman sophomore junior senior

Declared Major: _____

Activities: List community and school activities in which you have participated. Include sports, student government, volunteer and community projects, etc.: (Attach additional sheets if necessary)

Work Experience (or enclose current resume):

Briefly state why you have chosen to pursue a career in a broadcast-related field: (Attach additional sheets if necessary)

Broadcast television and radio have adapted to the digital world in numerous ways. Where do you feel broadcasters have been successful in that adaptation? Where can they improve? How would you move the industry to adapt? (Attach additional sheets if necessary.)

High School Students Only

TO BE FILLED OUT BY A HIGH SCHOOL OFFICIAL*

Student ranks _____ in a class of _____

Cumulative GPA: _____ Scale: _____

PSAT/SAT: _____ (reading, writing) _____ (math)

High School Official: Name: _____ Title: _____

Date: ____ / ____ / _____

Email Address: _____

*The MBA will periodically confirm application information with high school officials

All applicants must provide transcript and fill out financial information.**Transcript**

If you are a graduating high school senior, or have never enrolled in college, you must include a high school transcript. If you are now enrolled, or have ever been enrolled as a college student, please include your most recent college transcript. The transcript need not be an official copy, but it must be cumulative and show most recently completed study. LATEST HIGH SCHOOL OR COLLEGE TRANSCRIPTS MUST BE INCLUDED WITH APPLICATION.

Family Financial Statement

If you are a dependent student, please have your parents complete the PARENT INFORMATION section using information from their most recent IRS Tax Return. Independent students and dependent students must complete the STUDENT INFORMATION section with information from your most recent IRS Tax Return. You are a dependent student if you are under 24 years of age.

PARENT INFORMATION

Adjusted gross income: \$ _____

Total US income tax paid: \$ _____

Total number of family members: _____

STUDENT INFORMATION

Adjusted gross income: \$ _____

Total US income tax paid: \$ _____

Total number of family members: _____

Total number of family members who will be attending college during the next academic year: _____

Describe personal or family circumstances that make it necessary for you to seek aid for your education:
(attach additional sheet if necessary)

Certification

I certify that the information on this form is true and complete to the best of my knowledge. If asked by any authorized representative of the MBA, I agree to give documentation for information given on this form. I realize that this proof may include a copy of a US tax return. I understand that the Massachusetts Broadcasters Association will consider the financial information confidential.

Applicant Signature: _____ **Date:** ____ / ____ / _____**Typed name or signature**

Applications must be
emailed or postmarked by
April 17, 2026



mba
Massachusetts
Broadcasters
Association

PO Box 857 Clark, NJ 07066
800-471-1875 • www.massbroadcasters.org