

IMMIGRANT STORY SCHOLARSHIP

This internship provides scholarships to train and develop student writers and content creators who are eager to embark on a career in digital journalism. The Immigrant Story, an organization committed to nurturing future writers, is seeking five new scholars to join us for a year of hands-on training in crafting human interest profiles. Scholars will be trained to hone their empathetic listening skills, with the aim of uncovering the common threads that bind us all. This fosters understanding and compassion, with the ultimate goal of creating work that celebrates the complexity and beauty of humanity in all its forms.

<u>The Immigrant Story</u> is a volunteer-led nonprofit organization based in Portland, Oregon. We chronicle stories of immigrants to document and archive their voices in a short human-interest story format. Our vision is to provide curated, customized and relevant content to enhance empathy and help foster a sense of shared community. In other words, we want to tell stories that make a difference. And we are looking for aspiring journalists who would like to contribute to this goal.

- Thanks to an anonymous donor, we are inviting applications for five student internships worth \$1,000 each.
- We are looking for five new writers to join us for a year of on-the-job training, to learn about human interest journalism and find ways to use their journalistic training to fight for social justice.
- Each scholar will write eight stories during their year with us. These stories will be edited by a team of journalism professionals and published on our website.
- Each scholar will help plan our editorial calendar and write one story per month, conducting interviews, finding sources, compiling research, editing content and assisting the team with social media marketing as well as public presentations and editorial planning.

A SUCCESSFUL APPLICANT WILL:

- Have demonstrated mastery of writing in a journalistic style
- Have demonstrated skill at visualization and storytelling for a general audience
- Have an interest in immigrant and refugee issues
- Be able to work both independently and collaboratively
- Be able to produce smart, engaging, high-quality content with accuracy and quick turnarounds
- Have excellent writing and copy-editing skills for both print and digital media
- Have experience working with a campus newspaper or other publication
- Be enrolled in a degree program at an accredited institution in Oregon and be able to provide documentation to confirm progress toward a degree
- Be at least 18 years of age
- Have a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher
- Have unrestricted authorization to work in the U.S. without a visa or sponsorship

TO APPLY:

Submit a brief letter of interest along with your resume and two references, GPA and work authorization. Please also include two published writing samples, if available.

We are currently accepting applications for five internship opportunities in 2025-26. Apply now to ensure your application is reviewed as soon as possible.

Submit your application materials to:

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