

Nebraska Press Women Marianne Beel Memorial Scholarship Application

This \$1,000 scholarship, presented annually by Nebraska Press Women, is dedicated to the memory of longtime NPW member Marianne Beel of Valentine, who died in 2007. Marianne shared her love of the Sandhills through writing and photography. Her column, “Sand in My Shoes,” was popular with readers of the *North Platte Telegraph*, and her writing and photography appeared there and in many other publications. The scholarship recipient will be recognized at an NPW event to be announced.

Applicants must adhere to the following criteria:

- 1) Be a 2022 graduating senior from any Nebraska high school, with preference given to seniors from the following Nebraska counties: Custer, Logan, McPherson, Arthur, Grant, Hooker, Thomas, Blaine, Rock, Keya Paha, Loup, Holt, Garfield, Valley, Wheeler, Greeley, Brown and Cherry.
- 2) Be a writer, photographer, podcaster, videographer or social media contributor whose work reflects Nebraska.
- 3) Be planning to seek a post-secondary degree or certificate (not necessarily from a four-year school), preferably in a communications-related field.
- 4) Submit three samples of work, which may be any combination of writing, photography, audio, video or social media posts/blogs. These may include essays written for class, work that appeared in a student publication or local media outlet, photography or audio/video work that may have been used for 4-H, FFA or similar organizations.
- 5) Complete the application form and attach a copy of the high school transcript with current GPA, one letter of reference and a resume (no more than one page) that outlines your contributions to the community (i.e., church, 4-H, volunteer work, community celebrations, etc).
- 6) Include a 300-word essay on what Nebraska means to you.
- 7) Return application materials to Mary Kay Quinlan, at npwscholarship@gmail.com by Feb. 9, 2022.

(application form on next page)

**Nebraska Press Women
Marianne Beel Scholarship Application Form**

(Please print)

Name _____

Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ E-mail _____

Have you worked on your high school paper, yearbook or other media? Please describe.

Please describe your higher education plans.

Attach a 300-word essay on what Nebraska means to you.

Applicant's statement: To my knowledge, all of the information in this application and attached materials is correct, and the work samples are my own.

Signature _____ **Date** _____

(APPLICATION DEADLINE: FEB. 9, 2022)