

PLEASE FORWARD TO PUBLICATIONS ADVISERS AND DIRECTORS OF COUNSELING

**Col. Charles E.
Savage
Scholarship**

**Virginia
Student Journalist
of the Year**

At a January 1991 meeting of the Virginia High School League's Scholastic Publications Advisory Committee, the members voted to create the Col. Charles E. Savage Scholarship Fund to be administered by a Board of Trustees. Scholarships will be awarded to graduating Virginia Student Journalists of the Year in the amount of \$500.

The Board of Trustees of this Fund shall consist of the members of the VHSL Finance Committee. The Board of Trustees shall be empowered to secure, receive, hold and expend funds on behalf of the Fund. Such funds shall be raised independent from, although in conjunction with, the state fund-raising programs of the VHSL and in such a manner as not to compete with the League's general revenues.

A committee, of at least four persons, including the VHSL assistant director responsible for publications, shall be directed to select the recipient(s) in accordance with the following minimum criteria:

- (1) Be a graduating senior with a minimum of two years as a participant of your school's publications staff (**either yearbook, newspaper/newsmagazine or literary magazine**) or have achieved equivalent participation through contributions to community or professional publications.
- (2) Have demonstrated one or more of the following personal qualities: leadership, writing skills, design aptitude, creativity, organization, industry, teamwork, character.
- (3) Must apply to an accredited college, university or educational institution beyond the secondary school level.

These criteria are intended as guidelines for selection. In making its selection, the VHSL does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, sex or handicap. Judgment of the Selection Committee and final approval by the VHSL Executive Committee will remain the determining factor in the selection process.

Each VHSL school may nominate one student per year. The Selection Committee will consider only those nominations that have been received on or before March 1 each year.

The award will be in the form of a check made payable to the school of higher learning which the recipient plans to attend. A plaque will also be presented to the recipient. More than one award may be given in a single year if in the judgment of the Selection Committee two candidates are equally deserving and if appropriate funding is available. The award may be withheld any year in the event that no eligible candidate can be found or adequate funding is not available. No principal sums shall be awarded from the Fund but shall remain in perpetuity or dispensed in accordance with the VHSL By-Laws.

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NOMINATION FORM

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Name: _____

Social Security Number: _____

Home Address: _____

Home Telephone Number: _____ Email: _____

High School: _____

Name of college or educational institution student expects to attend: _____

Has student applied to above: Yes _____ No _____

Has student been accepted: Yes _____ No _____

Enclose an essay from the nominee (no more than one typed page, double spaced) describing the significance that participation in publications has had in his/her life. Specificity and anecdotal information about said significance greatly facilitates the Selection Committee's task in choosing a recipient.

Enclose a journalism-specific resume to include staff involvement and leadership positions, internships, conferences attended, awards received, and any other information that would give the committee a clearer picture of the applicant's journalism experience. Do not include extra-curricular activities outside of journalism.

Enclose two writing samples that best represent the student's journalistic abilities and contributions to student or community publications. Both enclosures must be writing samples. No design, photography, poetry or co-written work will be accepted.

Enclose a letter of recommendation for the nominee that addresses the student's contributions to publications and the qualities that best describe the nominee. Specificity and anecdotal information about the applicant's journalistic skills and contributions greatly facilitates the Selection Committee's task in choosing a recipient.

Enclose a photo to be used for publicity purposes if selected as winner.

High School Grade Point Average: _____ Class Rank: _____ out of _____

Principal's Signature: _____

Date: _____

**Please forward this form to be received on or before March 1 to:
Lisa R. Giles, Virginia High School League, 1642 State Farm Boulevard, Charlottesville, VA 22911**