



IABC Houston Downs Matthews Memorial Scholarship

The [IABC Houston](http://www.iabchouston.com) Student Scholarship is in memory of Downs Matthews, an IABC Houston pioneer, to foster the communication profession. Undergraduate and graduate student applicants should be majoring in a field of communication.

1. Deadline for scholarship applications is Friday, May 15 at 5 p.m.
2. Refer to application process below for a list of the supporting documents needed (e.g. reference forms, evidence of GPA, etc.) Incomplete applications will not be considered.
3. You will be notified by email or telephone in early June regarding your application status.
4. If you have any questions about the scholarship application process, please contact IABC Houston at iabchouston@gmail.com.

SCHOLARSHIP ASSISTANCE is based upon academic performance, leadership potential, and financial need.

The Downs Matthews Memorial Scholarship will be a one-time award of \$2,500 to be presented at the IABC Bronze Quill Awards Gala on June 11, 2020. Scholarships are awarded without regard to race, color, ethnicity, gender or sexual orientation.

CRITERIA

- Short Essay
- Academics – GPA and College Transcripts
- Activities and Honors
- Work/Intern Experience
- Financial Criteria
- References (provide at least one letter of recommendation from a Professor/Teacher or Employer).

REQUIREMENTS

- Applicant must be enrolled for a minimum of 12 hours for undergraduate students or nine (9) hours for post-graduate students and have completed a minimum of six hours of core classes in major.
- Preferred minimum grade point average of 3.25 in the major and 3.00 overall.
- Applicant must submit a completed application form, transcript(s), essay and recommendation letter to iabchouston@gmail.com.
- Copies of all college transcripts must be submitted with this application. Unofficial transcripts are accepted as long as GPA information is on each transcript. Formal/official transcripts will be required if applicant is selected for scholarship.
- A resume and/or work sample may be submitted for consideration. The application package should be submitted with the samples saved in a separate PDF document.
- Finalists will be contacted for an interview in May.
- Scholarship recipient should be available to attend the IABC Houston Bronze Quill Awards Gala, June 11, 2020, at the Junior League in Houston. IABC Houston will pay for the recipient's Gala attendance and one guest.

ESSAY

You'll need to write an essay telling us why you majored in the communication field and your goals after graduation. Tell us about yourself, including characteristics you have that make you stand out from the other applicants. The quality of writing will be an important factor in the decision regarding the final recipient. Your essay should be one page, typed double-spaced in 10 pt. font with 1" margins.

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Name: Last _____ First _____ Middle _____

Permanent Address: Street/City/State/
Zip _____

Email _____ Preferred Telephone# _____

Date of Birth _____ Gender _____

Student ID# _____

COLLEGE & UNIVERSITY INFORMATION

Address: Street/City/State/Zip _____

Current classification (Fr/Soph/Jr/Sr) _____ Hours remaining to complete degree _____

Major field of study _____ Career goal _____

Major GPA _____ Cumulative/Overall GPA _____

Total number of credits (all colleges) _____ Total number of credits in major (all colleges) _____

List all colleges (including junior and community colleges), universities, technical schools you have attended, dates of attendance and grade point average at each school. You may also list any completed special programs. Unofficial transcripts for each school attended must be submitted with your application.

College	Dates	GPA
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

ACTIVITIES AND HONORS – SCHOOL AND/OR COMMUNITY

Activity	Years	Leadership Positions	Awards/Honors
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

WORK/INTERN EXPERIENCE

Employer	Employment Dates	Hours/Week	Type of Work
_____	_____	_____	_____

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Total cost of school per year _____

Total outside contributions to school costs (parents, grants, family/friends) _____

Amount of other scholarships and awards you have received _____

Personal contribution to your college education _____

Unusual financial concerns _____

OTHER INFORMATION

Please note any other information that will assist the scholarship selection committee.

I hereby certify that to the best of my knowledge the information provided on this form is accurate and complete.

Applicant's Signature

Date