IABC Houston Downs Matthews Memorial Scholarship

The IABC Houston 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 22 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.

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ACTIVITIES AND HONORS – SCHOOL AND/OR COMMUNITY

Activity           Years      Leadership Positions      Awards/Honors

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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.

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

Applicant’s Signature ___________________ Date ___________________