



ARKANSAS NEWSPAPER FOUNDATION

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***Mission:** The Arkansas Newspaper Foundation serves Arkansas's newspapers and newspaper readers by promoting the welfare of the community newspaper industry and the interests of the press; by promoting and cultivating educational opportunities; and, by promoting and fostering programs and services to the common good of its members and the readers that they serve.*

Arkansas Newspaper Foundation Fact Sheet

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The Arkansas Newspaper Foundation, an Arkansas based 501(c)(3) corporation, was founded in 1982 as the non-profit arm of the Arkansas Press Association (APA). The Arkansas Newspaper Foundation raises funds through tax-deductible contributions and disburses those funds for the purposes named in our mission.

The Foundation has provided scholarships totaling more than \$75,000.00 since its inception to journalism students attending Arkansas colleges and universities.

In Spring 2009, the Foundation provided over \$6,000.00 for four college students to participate in paid internships at Arkansas newspapers. Since 2006, fourteen students have received Foundation internship grants totaling \$23,120.. The Foundation plans to fund four intern positions in 2010.

In 2009, the Foundation began sponsoring the Arkansas College Media Association Best College Newspaper Award. Winner of the 2009 award was the University of Central Arkansas in Conway, Arkansas.

Since 2008, the Foundation has provided continuing education grants totaling \$1,200.00 for persons to attend the ArkLaMiss Circulation Conference in Vicksburg, Mississippi.

A grant was provided to the director of the Arkansas Scholastic Press of \$7,500.00 per year for approximately five years. The grant was used to support ASP salary.

The Arkansas Newspaper Foundation has provided support to literacy and education efforts through Newspapers in Education as well as through scholarships, internships and speakers.

In 2009, the Foundation funded a special newspaper survey that benefits newspapers, journalism majors, and university and college journalism departments with a \$1,200.00 grant.

In addition, over the past three years, the Arkansas Newspaper Foundation has partnered with Heifer International, the Arkansas Discovery Network, the Arkansas Humanities Council, Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality, the Cherokee Nation and others to provide educational programs and literacy opportunities that support community efforts. These partnerships are valued at over \$100,000.00.