

**Houston Chapter of the Society of Professional Journalists  
Susanne M. Pagano Scholarship Application    Applications Due November 15, 2021.**

**Award:** One \$1,000 scholarship to be used for education expenses at a post-secondary institution, plus one year paid SPJ membership. Scholarship will be awarded in December 2021 prior to the beginning of the spring 2022 semester.

**Eligibility:** Applicants must meet the following requirements.

1. Applicants must be pursuing a four-year degree in journalism, communications, digital media or a related field.
2. Applicants must have permanent residency in the nine-county Houston metropolitan area and be classified as a sophomore, junior or senior enrolled in a relevant degree program at an accredited four-year educational institution in Texas. The nine counties are Harris, Fort Bend, Montgomery, Brazoria, Galveston, Liberty, Wharton, Chambers and Austin.
3. Preference will be given to Society of Professional Journalists members.

**Our story:** The Houston Chapter of the Society of Professional Journalists created a scholarship fund to honor Susanne Pagano, a long-time chapter member who died suddenly in April 2014. Over two decades, Susanne was a constant force in the chapter, serving in every major leadership role, including multiple stints as chapter president. No matter how busy with work or family obligations, she never turned down an SPJ project. Pagano was a 24/7 news hound who worked as a correspondent for Bloomberg BNA after a long career at business publisher Offshore Data Services.

**Now, tell us your story (please print legibly or submit separate typewritten pages):**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Permanent Address \_\_\_\_\_  
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Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Other contact information \_\_\_\_\_

**Education:** List high school and college history. Begin with most recent. List school, major, degree, graduation date or expected graduation date.

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**Media experience and/or extra-curricular activities:** Include dates, company or organization and duties performed. Add additional information on a separate sheet if needed.

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**Tell us your future story:**

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**What is your career goal?**

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**Complete your application:** Submit two copies of the following; submissions will not be returned.

- Completed application form
- 500 word typewritten essay on the importance of ethics in today’s journalism world
- Resume
- Official college transcript
- Links to your relevant social media accounts
- One letter of recommendation from a professor, senior instructor or faculty advisor
- Work samples, submit any combination:
  - Print journalism: three clippings/articles photocopied on 8.5 x 11 paper
  - Web journalism: three samples as printed screen shots, provide links if available
  - Broadcast journalism: three radio or TV samples on DVD or USB flash drive not to exceed 10 minutes total
  - Photojournalism: five samples of work printed on photographic paper

**Deadline:** Applications must be postmarked by November 15, 2021.

Mail your application to:

HOUSTON SPJ SCHOLARSHIP  
PO BOX 131402  
HOUSTON TX 77219-1402

**Verification (application will not be processed if not signed and dated):**

I affirm that all information in this application is true and accurate and that I intend to pursue a career in journalism. I also understand that the award of scholarship funds is contingent upon my enrollment in the accredited institution listed in the Education section of this application for the school term beginning spring 2022.

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Signature/date