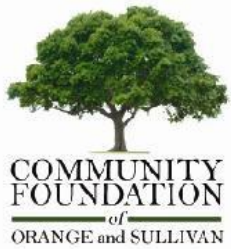


2018
***Al Romm Interdisciplinary
Journalism Scholarship Packet***

Deadline: April 1, 2018



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Al Romm Interdisciplinary Journalism Scholarship Fund

Avrom N. “Al” Romm was an uncompromising journalist, for whom this scholarship is named. Born April 8, 1926 in Minneapolis, MN, he grew up in Holyoke, MA. He was a World War II veteran who served in Europe with the 13th and 82nd Airborne infantry divisions. He returned to school after the war and graduated from the University of Massachusetts in 1948. A year later, he earned a master's degree in public law and government from Columbia University.

Mr. Romm began his journalism career as a reporter for the *Springfield Union* in Massachusetts. In June 1957, he was named city editor of *The Daily Record* in Middletown, the world's first cold type, offset daily newspaper, which merged with *The Times Herald* under the Ottaway banner in October 1960. Mr. Romm then became the first editor of the newly merged/established *Times Herald-Record*, a post he held until he was named editorial page editor in 1976. Mr. Romm left the *Times Herald-Record* in 1982 and became director of news quality and training for Ottaway Newspapers, Inc.

He died in Boynton Beach, FL, at the age of 73. He shall be remembered as a great teacher and inspirer of young reporters, as well as a journalist of great intellect, great conviction, and uncompromising ethics.

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\$1,000.00 Scholarship

CRITERIA

In order to be considered for this scholarship, the student must:

- Be a graduating senior from any high school in Orange County
- Speak one other language, besides English, fluently
- Achieve a “B” or better average in higher level math classes
- Have been involved with the high school newspaper or yearbook, or have a published journalistic byline/article in a printed publication
- Graduate high school with a 3.5 Grade Point Average
- Enroll at an accredited university that offers a journalism degree
- Enroll in interdisciplinary college classes to obtain basic knowledge of history, statistics and political science
- Pursue a career in journalism
- Make every attempt to attend the Community Foundation of Orange and Sullivan’s Annual Scholarship Reception in June to meet a member of the Romm family, in whose name this scholarship was established

Preference may be given (but not required) to students enrolling at University of Massachusetts (UMass) Amherst, or Columbia University, Mr. Romm’s alma mater.

Al Romm Interdisciplinary Journalism Scholarship Fund

This scholarship was established in memory of Mr. Avrom N. "Al" Romm, an uncompromising journalist who was the first editor of the Times Herald-Record and later Vice President of News for Ottaway Newspapers, Inc., the Times Herald-Record's parent company.

❖ **Background Information:**

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Name of Parent(s) or Guardian: _____

Parent(s) or Guardian Name and Address: _____

Parent(s) or Guardian Occupation: _____

❖ **Academic Information:**

Name of High School: _____ Class Rank: _____

SAT Score: _____ GPA: _____

❖ **Financial Resources:**

To help assess applicants' financial need, please complete the following

| <u>section. Projected Expenses (1st Year)</u> | | <u>Resources (1st Year)</u> | |
|--|-----------------|--|-----------------|
| Tuition | \$ _____ | Parent Contribution | \$ _____ |
| Board | \$ _____ | Other Assets/Sources | \$ _____ |
| Travel | \$ _____ | Student's Savings | \$ _____ |
| Books | \$ _____ | Summer Work | \$ _____ |
| Clothing | \$ _____ | Job at College | \$ _____ |
| Other | \$ _____ | Loans | \$ _____ |
| | | Scholarships | \$ _____ |
| | | Other | \$ _____ |
| Total | \$ _____ | Total | \$ _____ |

Education and Career Plans:

Please list the colleges to which you have applied and include course of study. Indicate with an (X) where you have been accepted.

| <u>COLLEGE</u> | <u>COURSE OF STUDY</u> | <u>ACCEPTED</u> |
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Why did you apply to these schools and how do you hope the school and program will prepare you for your career?

❖ **Activities and Organizations:**

Describe your participation in high school extra-curricular activities/community service activities and/or employment.

Please list what years and publications you were published in, or were involved with, and include a Sample article/byline:

Please give a brief description of your future goals and/or aspirations?

On an attached page, please write an essay, with a minimum of 250 words, in the form of a newspaper article describing your winning the scholarship.

Applicant Signature:

Date: _____

Please return completed applications to the Guidance Office by April 1.