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Application — Macedonia training Fellowships

Press Partners must receive completed applications by Nov. 5, 2018.

email to: david@presspartners.org, subject: Macedonia Fellowship Application

[Alfred Friendly Press Partners](http://presspartners.org/) will select journalists from Macedonia to train for three weeks at the [Missouri School of Journalism](https://journalism.missouri.edu/).

**The deadline for applications is Nov. 5, 2018**.

Applicants must have three years of experience in the journalism profession, be 24 to 35 years old, and be fluent in English.

The training for journalists from Macedonia runs parallel with the annual Alfred Friendly Press Partners training seminar beginning **March 16 and ending April 6, 2019**.

The training prepares reporters, editors and producers to practice professional, ethical and innovative journalism. More than a dozen faculty members with professional journalism experience lead classroom discussions and hands-on lessons in computer labs. The agenda for includes effective reporting and writing methods, spreadsheet basics, fact-checking, reporting on business, investigative reporting practices, using social media for reporting, using mobile tools for reporting and multimedia storytelling.

The fellowship funded by the U.S. Embassy in Skopje covers all costs during the program, including travel, housing, health insurance and visas, and provides a stipend to cover basic living expenses.

Since 1984, AFPP has trained in the U.S. 316 journalists from 76 countries.

**training goals:**

—To provide the fellow with experience in reporting, writing, editing, producing and editorial decision-making;

—To expose the fellow to the technological changes that are occurring in the industry;

—To gain a practical understanding of the function and significance of the free press in American society;

—To transfer knowledge gained on the program to colleagues at home;

—To foster ties between free press institutions and journalists in the U.S. and counterparts in other countries.

For additional information visit our website at [www.presspartners.org](http://www.presspartners.org).

A complete application includes **ALL** items **A** through **H**. Please check the boxes next to the items as you complete them. Applications are only accepted by email. Incomplete applications will not be reviewed.

* **A application form**. The application form must be completed in full. Please attach one additional page to the application form if more space is needed to answer questions.
* **B cv/résumé**.An outline of your professional and educational history.
* **C essay.** One to two pages, 400 to 800 words, typed and in English. Please describe your journalistic experience, career plans and goals, the goals you’d like to achieve by participating in the training and how you will share what you’ve learned with colleagues back in Macedonia.

* **D letters of reference**. Two confidential reference letters from supervisors are required. A third reference from someone familiar with your personality, character, background, etc., is optional. References from Press Partners alumni who you know well are welcomed. Reference letters must be sent by the providers directly to Press Partners. English translations must accompany letters not written in English originally. Effective letters of reference are those offering significant insights into the candidate’s ability and experiences that best indicate his/her suitability to participate in the training.
* **E employer’s endorsement**. Please have your employer complete and sign the form below endorsing your participation and granting a three-week leave of absence should you be chosen.

* **F articles**. Links to four published/broadcast stories that best show your interests and abilities. Full English translations, completed by the applicant, must accompany articles not written in English originally. Note: Editors who do not have recent clips may include copies of published work along with a description of your editing role in these samples. Internet journalists must submit samples that are journalistic in nature and demonstrate that your job involves news gathering, writing, editing or producing. Broadcast journalists should submit links of video samples with translations or summaries in English if necessary.
* **G photograph**. One head-shot photo, taken in the last six months.

* **H copy of passport**.A clear photocopy/scan of your valid passport. Please include picture, information pages and any U.S. visas you’ve had.

\*\* **english language assessment**. Top candidates *may* be required to demonstrate their English language proficiency prior to receiving a fellowship.

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**I. personal information**

**(*click on gray boxes to enter answers. boxes are fixed size, so please be concise.)***

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| \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_first/given name  | \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_middle name(s)  | \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_family/last name |  [ ]  **male** [ ]  **female** |
| \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_home address (street address) | preferred mailing address:[ ]  **home** [ ]  **work** |
| \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_home address (city, state, country, postal code) | \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_home telephone |
| \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_e-mail address (*95% of correspondence will be through e-mail*) | \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_cellular or other telephone |
| (month)\_\_\_ (day)\_\_ (year) \_\_\_\_\_ date of birth  | \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_place of birth (city and country) |  |
| \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_country/countries of citizenship (list all) | marital status (single, married, widowed, divorced) |
| \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_passport number  | \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_country of issue  | \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_date of issue | \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_expiration date |  |
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**II. employment information**

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| \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_employer (news outlet) | \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_your current title/position | \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_length of time with this title/position |
| \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_work address (street address) | \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_work telephone |
| \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_work address (city, state, country, postal code) |  \_\_\_\_\_total years with this employer |
|  |  do you supervise any staff? how many? [ ]  yes [ ]  no \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |
| \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_your news organization’s website | total number of newsroom staff: \_\_\_\_ |
| \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_your immediate supervisor’s name  | \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_title  | How many total years have you worked full-time as a journalist? \_\_\_\_ |
| \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_language you write copy/Broadcast in | \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_organization’s ownership (private, government or mixed) |
| \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_circulation (#copies)/ Viewership  | per | \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_day/week/month |

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| where (school, institution) and for how long have you studied english? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |
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| **please list all visits to the united states and recent international travel:** | type of visa |
| dates(mm/yy-mm/yy) | country/countries | purpose of visit | (u.s. travel only) |
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| previous scholarships, fellowships, awards and/or achievements: leadership and/or membership in any organizations:  |
| teaching experience (200 characters max.):  |
| hobbies and/or outside interests (200 characters max.):  |
| do you know any Press Partners alumni? [ ]  Yes [ ]  No Whom? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |
| how did you hear about Press Partners? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**i certify that the information given in this application is complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge. i understand that, if awarded a fellowship, i will immediately return to my country and continue practicing journalism there.****signature**: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (please print and sign in pen) **date**: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |

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please send completed recommendation directly to Press Partners (by email). the deadline for receipt of this form is NOV. 6.

send to: **David@presspartners.org**

**confidential letter of reference #1** (to be completed by editor, manager, supervisor or director)

**Alfred Friendly Press Fellowships**

**Confidential Letter of Reference**

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| **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_name of applicant**  |  |
| **REFERENCE:** please type or print the required information below. you may be contacted to discuss this reference letter further.  |
| \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_name  | \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_professional title | \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_e-mail address  |
| \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_news outlet  | \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_how long have you known the applicant? | \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_work telephone |
| \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_signature  | \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_date |  |
| capacity in which you have worked with the applicant: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |
| The person listed above is applying for a three-week journalism training fellowship in the United States. If chosen for this fellowship, he/she will return to your newsroom with new skills and ideas useful to your organization and will be expected to share them with you and other colleagues. Please outline specific journalism skills that the applicant can focus on that will benefit your news organization. Please describe the ways in which the applicant will be encouraged to share knowledge and skills acquired on this program. Please also comment on the applicant’s ability to share knowledge as well as his/her adaptability, maturity, leadership ability, assertiveness/self-confidence, English ability and commitment to journalism. Your comments will remain confidential and will not be shared with the applicant. *An English translation must accompany any reference letter not written in English originally.* |

**comments:** (4600 characters max.)

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