**Montana Newspaper Foundation**

**2024 Internship Grant Program**

The Montana Newspaper Foundation will offer $10,000 in grant funding for paid interns in 2024 and will accept applications for the 2024 internship grant program through Feb. 1, 2024. News organizations approved for a grant will receive up to $2,000 to defray the cost of a paid intern and will be required to match the grant 1:1 for the intern’s compensation. In addition to compensation, interns who are students may receive institutional credit, if their school allows it.

Internship grants are available for all facets of the news industry, including, but not limited to: reporting, photography, layout and design, social media, website design/management, newsletter development, multimedia, reader engagement, circulation, advertising sales and design, financial management and more.

Newspapers applying for the internship grants will specify how much in funding they are requesting, what the hourly compensation for the intern shall be and the length of the internship in days or weeks.

Internship employment is open to anyone 16 and older who is interested in pursuing a career in community journalism.

Newspapers selected for grants must provide the MNA office with a photo and profile of their intern for use in press releases or newsletters.

Applications for the 2024 grant cycle are due by Feb. 1, 2024. To download the application form, click [MNF-Internship-Program-Application-Form](https://www.mtnewspapers.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/03/MNF-Internship-Program-Application-Form.docx).

Successful applicants for the 2024 grants will have two years in which to use the internship, starting from the date of the internship award. Applicants awarded grants in 2024 will not be able to apply for another grant until 2026.

FAQs

**What is the internship program?**

The Montana Newspaper Foundation (MNF) Internship Grant Program helps train tomorrow’s professionals by providing grants to member newspapers to defray some of the expense of a paid internship.

**How much is the grant and how many are awarded?**

The Foundation has $10,000 to award, and will make awards of up to $2,000. The newspapers applying for the internship grants will specify how much they are seeking in grant funding ($500, $1,000, $1,500, $2,000, for example).

**When can I use the internship grant?**

The grant will be awarded in 2024 and can be used in 2024 or 2025. We encourage successful applicants to begin the intern recruitment process early.

**When will grants be announced by the MNF?**

March 1, 2024.

**Next steps?**

Please email your completed application form to Montana Newspaper Association Executive Director Brian Allfrey at [ed@mtnewspapers.com](http://ed@mtnewspapers.com) on or before the application deadline of Feb. 1, 2024.