

# Capital Semester (CS) - Political Journalism Track

## Application Instructions

### ONLINE APPLICATION

Complete and submit the online application including the following uploaded materials:

- Topical Essay** (250 – 500 words): “Identify the most important economic, political or social issue facing your country. Please explain its significance and offer at least one solution.”
- Statement of Purpose** (400 – 500 words): “State your reasons for applying to the Institute, and what you would gain personally, professionally and academically by attending.”
- One-page Resume**
- 2-4 Samples of Journalistic Writing:** 2-4 articles/work scanned onto 8 ½ x 11 sized paper should be uploaded into the online application system. Files that are too big may be sent via email to [admissions@tfas.org](mailto:admissions@tfas.org). Published news articles are strongly preferred, but assignments from a journalism class will be accepted.
- Economics Pre-requisite:** Indicate an economics course taken or planned to be taken before the start of the program that will satisfy the pre-requisite. (May be waived with program staff permission – contact [admissions@tfas.org](mailto:admissions@tfas.org) for waiver information)

### SUPPLEMENTAL MATERIALS

The following materials must be submitted in addition to the online application:

- Official Transcript:** Must be mailed in sealed envelope or faxed/mailed directly from the home university’s registrar using the contact information below.
- Letter of Recommendation:** One letter from a professor, dean or academic advisor must be sent through the online application system, via fax or mail using the contact information below.
- \$50 Application Fee:** Must be paid via credit card at the time of submission of the online application or via check mailed to the address listed below.

### SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Students wishing to apply for a scholarship MUST do so when submitting their application for admission.

- Scholarship Statement** (250 words): “Write a brief statement describing your need for a scholarship.” Must be uploaded into the online application system.
- Personal Financial Materials:** Must be uploaded into the online application or sent via fax or mail using the contact information below.
  - For more information on what materials are required, please visit <http://www.dccinternships.org/images/2012/financial.pdf>.

### CONTACT INFORMATION

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Please note that ALL application and scholarship materials must be received before an application will be considered complete and sent to the admissions committee for review.