



The Downey Patriot

YOUR HOMETOWN COMMUNITY NEWSPAPER

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During the 2008/2009 school year The Downey Patriot newspaper invited students interested in the world of journalism to participate in an internship opportunity. From this program, we were able to start and maintain our recently added Student Life section where we offer a forum for students who want to share opinions, photos, poems, cartoon strips, stories and interesting or exciting events during their school year.

With the success of this program and the positive feedback we have received, The Downey Patriot is again offering an invitation to intern with the newspaper and is asking your help in extending this opportunity to a student you may be aware of.

Students should be in their Junior or Senior year and:

- 1.) In good academic standing and proficient in the English language.
- 2.) Reliable, driven and have a will to learn.
- 3.) Confident, positive individuals willing to maintain an objective opinion during interviews or discussions with school or other community leaders.
- 4.) Energetic and mindful of the time necessary to cover school activities and events.
- 5.) Able to work within a team, bring to and develop ideas at the table and work solo if the need arises.

The internship being offered is much more dynamic than others as students will not be “coffee fetchers” or “gophers”. Instead, interns will be challenged, writing articles for the newspaper and web site, learning the structure of hard news and feature stories, they will develop interviewing techniques, learn Associated Press writing style and be exposed to newsroom and field situations.

Writers and photographers alike are encouraged to apply. **Applications may be downloaded on our website at www.thedowneypatriot.com or a hard copy may be obtained at The Downey Patriot office, 8301 E. Florence Ave. Suite 100, Downey, CA. 90240 during business hours.** Included with the application should be one writing sample if interested in reporting. The sample should be what the student considers his or her best work, whether a paper written for class, a poem written in spare time or an article written for the school paper. Applications are currently being accepted in The Downey Patriot office. Deadline for filing is June 15, 2009.

The Downey Patriot acknowledges contributed works from students and if accepted may be published in Student Life or another section of the paper. Having their articles published should be an intern’s goal. We aim to assist every intern into reaching that goal. If you or your students have any questions, please feel free to contact us at the information listed below.

Thank you, in advance, for your consideration and cooperation.

