

# TAKE CHARGE OF YOUR FUTURE IN 2009

## Convention Assistance Application

**Deadline: Wednesday, May 20, 2009**

The **27<sup>th</sup> Annual NAHJ Convention and Media & Career Expo** in San Juan, Puerto Rico, **June 24-27, 2009** features so much training, particularly multimedia journalism skills training, in just four days that we plan to emerge from the conference with a large group of Latino journalists with the skills necessary to be a journalist today, whether in a newsroom or on their own. If you want to be part of this newest, highly-trained wave of Latino journalists, but can't afford to attend, NAHJ is here to help.

A grant from the John S. and James L. Knight Foundation will help NAHJ members get to the convention to receive the training that they need. **NAHJ can now cover airfare, registration and hotel lodging (in double occupancy) for journalists to attend this convention** chock full of 33 sessions relating to multimedia journalism – more than half of all the session time in San Juan. Those selected for this assistance will include, but are not limited to, those members laid off, those with the biggest financial need, and/or anyone who can demonstrate that they stand to benefit greatly from the enhanced training at this stage in their career. Priority may be given to those members who have been laid off within the last 18 months and those who work in Spanish-language media, but other journalists are also strongly encouraged to apply. **Deadline to apply: May 20. Applications will be considered and approved on a rolling basis. So apply now!**

### Applicant Information

Member ID#: \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Title (if applicable) \_\_\_\_\_

Company (if applicable) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Home Ph. ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ Cell ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

### Eligibility Requirements:

Only **current** NAHJ members are eligible for this training assistance. To renew your membership or join, go to [www.nahj.org](http://www.nahj.org).

### Please submit the following:

\_\_\_\_ Current Professional Resume

\_\_\_\_ A statement explaining the reason why you should be selected to receive this assistance and how you think the training helps you in this stage of your career and fits into your future plans (500 words or less). Make sure to note if you were laid off within the last 18 months, when and by whom. (if applicable)

\_\_\_\_ W-2 form(s) for 2008 to help demonstrate financial need, if that is part of the case you are making to receive the assistance. All W-2 forms will be destroyed as soon as selections are announced. Applicants may black out the social security numbers if they wish.

All arrangements for registration and travel granted will be booked and completed directly by the association. Those who receive aid and don't attend the NAHJ Convention for whatever reason will be charged the value of the assistance granted and any cancellation fees incurred. Participants will contact the airline directly for any changes in booked air travel and will be responsible for any resulting fees or charges.

I, \_\_\_\_\_, hereby understand and agree to the terms of this assistance program.

Signed, \_\_\_\_\_



Please e-mail/fax completed form and supporting documents to:  
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