BEN HECHT SCHOLARSHIP IN ENTERTAINMENT JOURNALISM
2009-2010 APPLICATION FORM
Department of Journalism
California State University, Northridge

The Ben Hecht Scholarship is intended for students who wish to pursue a career in entertainment journalism. Candidates for the award must be undergraduates or graduate students majoring in journalism or mass communication who will be enrolled Spring 2010. Applicants must write autobiographical statements underscoring a demonstrated interest in entertainment journalism.

The donor of the award, Ray Stark (Rastar Films, Inc.) of Columbia Pictures, stipulated that the fund "be used for those students who might wish to pursue a career in entertainment journalism in the hope that it might contribute to enhancing the level of reportage in this field." At one time, Stark was the agent of noted writer Ben Hecht. He commented that "aside from his brilliant career as a short story writer, he was one of this country's best reporters." Hecht is known for "The Front Page," a smash hit on Broadway written in collaboration with Charles MacArthur and later put on the screen in repeat versions. His other literary works are legion.

Name_____Phone_____
(last) (first)

Address_____City_____Zip_____

Email_____ID#_____

Academic Information (GPAs are listed on the DPR):

Journalism Grade Point Average_____ Units Completed_____

Overall Grade Point Average_____ Units Completed_____

Undergrad_____ 2nd BA_____ Grad_____

On a separate sheet, describe what, specifically, have you done and what are you currently doing to point you toward a career in entertainment journalism? (Samples of your written work will be welcome, and must include date and source.)

On a separate sheet, describe why you want to become an entertainment journalist, how you will attain this goal, and the kind of work you hope to do. Also, explain how your work would improve entertainment journalism.

I certify all of the information provided in this application is correct and that I will be enrolled at CSUN in Spring 2009.

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(Signature) (Date)

Return this form to the Journalism Department, MZ 210, by 4 p.m., Thursday, November 19, 2009.