



Prince George High School

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Dear Scholarship Representative:

I am writing on behalf of this Royals Media student. Student journalists enter my class generally as sophomores with very little experience in photography, videography, writing, reporting, and InDesign work. When they leave our room they take with them skills that they use throughout their lives.

At Prince George High School, the student media group, Royals Media, is composed of the Royal News (newspaper), Peerage (yearbook), PGTV NEWS (broadcast), www.trnwired.org (website), and Etcetera (literary magazine).

Our staffs have won a number of national, state, and regional awards from CSPA, NSPA, JEA, SIPA, and VHSL. It is through the combined efforts of all staff members that this has been possible. The staff works together in sharing photos, video, and other content across platforms.

Our staff members are some of the best students in the school. Last year we had students gain acceptance to University of Virginia, College of William and Mary, VCU, Yale, John Hopkins, and a number of other top notch universities.

The staff members operate completely independently as an editorial board. They meet independently of the adviser, come up with the story ideas, assign the ideas, write the stories, and put the paper together.

Although our journalism programs are strong here at Prince George High School, our school is located in a very remote area of Virginia. Students at our school would really benefit from this conference and without this scholarship they most likely will not be able to afford this trip to D.C. I hope that you can find a way to award this worthy student a scholarship.

Sincerely,

Chris Waugaman, MJE

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Journalism Teacher and Newspaper Adviser

The Royal News, Peerage, PGTV NEWS, Etcetera Literary Magazine and TRNWIRE.org

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