

# The Stone and Holt Weeks Fellowship

## From NPR and the Washington Post

This application must be postmarked by April 30, 2012.  
See pages 2-3 for additional requirements and deadlines.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address \_\_\_\_\_

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Home phone number \_\_\_\_\_ Cell phone number \_\_\_\_\_

Email address \_\_\_\_\_

Employer (if applicable) \_\_\_\_\_

Employer's Address \_\_\_\_\_

Work phone number \_\_\_\_\_ Work email address \_\_\_\_\_

Home town \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

If you are not a U.S. Citizen, are there any restrictions on your eligibility for employment? \_\_\_\_\_

### Education

High School \_\_\_\_\_ Year Graduated \_\_\_\_\_

Location \_\_\_\_\_

College Degree/Year \_\_\_\_\_

Location \_\_\_\_\_ Major \_\_\_\_\_

Graduate School Degree/Year \_\_\_\_\_

Location \_\_\_\_\_ Major \_\_\_\_\_

Academic Awards \_\_\_\_\_

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Community Service Highlights \_\_\_\_\_

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How did you hear about the fellowship? \_\_\_\_\_

## How to apply for the Stone and Holt Weeks Fellowship:

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1. Fill out the first page of this application, including all pertinent personal and academic information. Please note that misrepresenting any part of your academic record will make you ineligible for the fellowship.
2. Write a cover letter explaining why you want to be selected for the fellowship, and what you have done to make the world a better place. We want to find out who you are and why this fellowship would be right for you. Feel free to tell us a story about your life.
3. Include a copy of your academic transcripts.
4. Supply a copy of your resume that describes your educational background and any work experience you've had.
5. Provide a body of work that reflects your writing ability and appetite for journalism. This should be two or more pieces not exceeding a total of 1,000 words. These may be excerpts from larger works. At least one of the pieces should be a journalistic piece written in the third person.
6. Provide two recommendations: one from a supervisor, the other from a teacher or mentor. Please include a copy of the attached form with each of the recommendations. *Please make sure your recommenders understand our deadlines*. These two individuals should return the recommendations to you in sealed envelopes, signed across the flap, or send them directly to the address below. The envelopes should include your name in block letters.
7. Put all of the materials above in one package, and send them to:

The Stone and Holt Weeks Fellowship  
c/o NPR  
635 Massachusetts Ave. NW  
Washington, DC 20001

### Deadlines:

All application materials must be postmarked by **midnight on Friday, April 30, 2012**.

Finalists will be brought to Washington in late June to be interviewed by the fellowship selection committee.

The accepted fellow will be notified shortly thereafter. Acceptances are due within a week of notification.

The Stone and Holt Weeks fellow will begin working at the Washington Post after Labor Day, and at NPR following Thanksgiving. Specific dates will be arranged with the selected candidate.

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# Recommendation for the Stone and Holt Weeks Fellowship

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Applicant's name: \_\_\_\_\_

The person named above is applying for a reporting fellowship at NPR and the Washington Post. This fellowship was created in memory of Stone and Holt Weeks. Stone and Holt were brothers and best friends. They were victims in a tragic highway crash in the summer of 2009. Stone was 24. Holt was 20. They were extraordinary, focused young men committed to doing great work – in history, public policy and environmental issues. They were insatiably curious, ambitious, wildly fun-loving and dedicated to making the world a better place.

The Fellow will learn about the role of journalism in “making the world a better place.” He or she will get broad exposure to the relationship between journalism and public education, citizenship, social change and democracy, and will learn that a major aim of journalism, as expressed a century ago by author Finley Peter Dunne, is “to comfort the afflicted and afflict the comfortable.”

The intent is to be educational and experiential, with the fellow publishing original stories and other news content at The Washington Post and learning the craft of journalism NPR-style, getting on the air, online and out in the field. The Fellow will learn the skills and the craft of reporting from the very best at both institutions.

With that in mind, please tell us how you know the candidate above, whether you think he or she is well-suited to such a fellowship, and why.

Please attach your recommendation to this page. When you're done, please put the recommendation in an envelope, seal it, and sign your name across the flap. You may return it to the applicant, or send it directly to:

The Stone and Holt Weeks Fellowship  
c/o NPR  
635 Massachusetts Ave. NW  
Washington, DC 20001

Name of recommender (please print) \_\_\_\_\_

Title \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship to applicant \_\_\_\_\_

Recommender's signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_