MEMORANDUM

The 2011 Pulliam Journalism Fellowship is now accepting applications for next year’s program. Twenty winners nationwide will be chosen for a 10-week internship, which will run from June 6 through Aug. 12, 2011 in Indianapolis or Phoenix.

For 37 years, the Pulliam Journalism Fellowship judges have awarded internships to promising journalists committed to pursuing careers in newspapers. More than 500 fellows have completed the program. Many are still working for newspapers, with many holding newspaper management jobs. Four have won the Pulitzer Prize.

Eugene C. Pulliam, who founded Central Newspapers Inc., created the Fellowship in 1974 as an intensive “finishing school” for college graduates with firm commitments to newspaper journalism. The Pulliam Journalism Fellowship program welcomes applications from college juniors, seniors and graduate students. Gannett Co., has continued the program since its purchase of Central Newspapers in 2000.

Fellows will be assigned to either The Indianapolis Star or The Arizona Republic as reporters, photographers, graphic artists and page designers. We match requests to work in Indianapolis or Phoenix as often as possible.

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Fellows also will participate in group and individual sessions conducted by a writing coach. They also will meet with guest and staff lecturers for informal discussions on their careers and issues in journalism.

To apply, students must complete an application form found at www.indystar.com/pjf or www.pulliam.azcentral.com and send it with the following: a recent photo for publicity purposes, five to 15 writing samples on 8-1/2" by 11" paper, three letters of recommendation and college grade transcripts. Most students selected for the program have worked on campus media and have had one or more prior news media internship experience of some kind.

The deadline is Nov. 1, 2010. Winners will be notified in January or February, and will be asked to respond with a letter of intent. The internship pays $650 a week; transportation, housing and meals are the intern’s responsibility. Some applicants may be notified of a fellowship offer in December 2010.

Once again, applications must be postmarked by Nov. 1, 2010. Please display the enclosed poster and remind your best journalists to apply.