

SUSAN WATSON SCHOLARSHIP



Susan Watson was a role model and trailblazer in her 30 years at the Detroit Free Press. Watson was named assistant city editor in 1975, making her the first female editor during a bitter newspaper battle with The Detroit News. She also was one of the first female columnists at the Free Press, writing about a multitude of issues, including her son, “the seeker of wisdom and truth.” She won three Emmys for local television commentary and numerous writing awards. Watson left the Free Press due to the July 1995 newspaper strike, instead working as editor of The Detroit Teacher, a biweekly publication of the Detroit Federation of Teachers. Watson, a graduate of the University of Michigan, was inducted into the Michigan Journalism Hall of Fame and the Michigan Women’s Hall of Fame.

This award is for college students who are interested in journalism.

This award is for \$1,500.

Application due by March 25.

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- **Compile a grade point average of 3.0 or above.**
- **Provide evidence of community service or activism.**
- **Provide your interest in journalism, particularly column writing. This should include clips and/or ideas of columns at your institution, local outlet or personal blog.**

ESSAY

Please attach an essay of 250 words or more on what Susan Watson’s career has inspired you to become a journalist/columnist. What did her career mean as a pioneer who was a woman? What kind of impact do you seek to have as a columnist in terms of activism?

Name _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____

Email address _____

High School _____

Composite grade point average _____

College _____

Major _____

Community/Church Service _____