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VSAC & Engineering Scholarships



In an effort to help employees of Vermont radio and TV stations, the VAB offers a scholarship through VSAC. If you work for a Vermont station and you or your family member are planning to attend or already attending college, apply for the VAB scholarship through [VSAC](#) by 2/15/23.

- Up to \$1,250 awarded annually to one recipient chosen by VSAC.
- To be eligible, you must be a family member of an employee of a Vermont radio or TV station.
- Student can be attending any accredited institution of higher learning.
- Student must be enrolled full time in any degree program.

**APPLICATIONS
DUE 2/15/23**

VTBROADCAST

Any student	Undergrad program	Full time
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Vermont Association of Broadcasters Scholarship

The intent of this scholarship is to fund an employee or a direct family member of an employee of a Vermont radio or television station.

Eligibility:

- Be an employee or a direct family member of an employee of a Vermont radio or television station
- Seek an undergraduate degree
- Enroll full time
- Demonstrate school/community involvement/service
- Demonstrate financial need
- Attend an accredited school approved for federal Title IV funding (Pell grants, federal Direct loans)

Required documents: Unified Scholarship Application, FAFSA, one recommendation letter #2 (community service), essay #1 (general essay), and membership information (*broadcast relation declaration letter with the full name of the broadcast employee; the full name of the radio or television station where the employee works; and the employee's relationship to you, if applicable*).

Amount: Up to \$1,250 awarded annually*

Selection: Membership information (*broadcast relation declaration letter*), recommendation letter, essay, and financial need

Estimated applicants: 7

Estimated awards: 1



ENGINEERING ACADEMY

Are you a DJ or MMJ but would like to make the switch to behind the scenes? Are you an Operations Director or PD whose job requires you know more about engineering than you do? Are you an engineer mentoring a student with great potential?

If so, the VAB encourages you to apply for a scholarship to attend ABA Engineering Academy classes in Birmingham, Alabama February 20-24 (radio), April 3-7 (TV) or June 16-20 (radio).

These 5-day classes cover the basics of radio or TV engineering and at the end, students can take an entry level Society of Broadcast Engineers Certification Exam.

The VAB is paying to send the right candidates to these classes either to a) "kickstart" their broadcast engineering education so they can be hired as assistant engineers and eventually take over for retiring engineers or b) give existing staff a working knowledge of how to fix basic engineering issues quickly.

Apply now for a scholarship including airfare, hotel, ground transportation and the SBE exam fee!

**LEARN MORE &
APPLY HERE**

Remembering WOOL-FM Co-Founder Gary Smith



WOOL-FM Co-Founder Gary Smith passed away at his home, January 16, 2023 at the age of 64.

While Gary was an accomplished guitarist and songwriter, he found his calling outside the spotlight at Fort Apache, a scrappy recording studio that he built into a clubhouse for young musicians and a global force in alternative rock. As a producer and manager, Gary shepherded the careers of some of the era's most influential artists, but his impact transcended the realm of records and contracts. Gary brought people together, cultivating a sense of family that sustained him and the many outsiders, misfits, and dreamers fortunate enough to travel in his orbit.

Leaving the fast-paced city life, Gary relocated Fort Apache from Boston to Bellows Falls, VT, opening the recording studio and a new live performance venue in the former Hotel Windham.

Over the next two decades Gary's local imprint grew. He was a founder of community radio station WOOL-FM, launched a regional events magazine, and opened Popolo, an Italian-inspired farm-to-table restaurant.

When Gary received a cancer diagnosis in September of 2022, his chief concern was how to get the long list of everything he wanted to accomplish done. Gary's vision and integrity, prodigious intelligence, marvelous sense of humor and steadfast care for people and community will continue to inspire the legion of comrades mourning his loss. Plans are being made for a gathering to celebrate his life and in lieu of flowers, donations can be made to WOOL-FM, blacksheepradio.org/WOOL/support/donate

Free *2nd Tuesday* LBS Webinar 2/14



Local 2nd Tuesday Webinar | FEB 14
Broadcast Sales



Better Advertising Campaigns Aren't Just Essential, They're Existential.

REGISTER HERE

Tuesday, February 14th at 12:00PM
Presented by Paul Weyland

Free *Third Thursday* Webinar 2/16

"ATSC 3.0 – Where It Stands and Where



It's Going in 2023 and Beyond"
Thursday, February 16th 1-2PM
with Madeleine Noland, President Advanced
Television Systems Committee

[REGISTER](#)

Use promo code **NASBA2022** to register for free!

FCC Extends Due Date for Children's TV Annual Report and Online Public Files to 2/28



The FCC recently issued a Public Notice extending the deadlines for all filings that were due at the end of January in the FCC's LMS or online public file systems to the new deadline of February 28, 2023.

This includes Children's TV Annual Reports (which were due January 30) and Quarter 4 Issues/Programs lists (which were originally due to be uploaded to station public files January 10, but had already been extended to January 31).

This extension until February 28, 2023 was necessitated by widespread technical issues with the LMS and online public file systems.

FCC ETRS Form One Must Be Filed By 2/28



[READ THE FULL ARTICLE](#)

The FCC's Public Safety & Homeland Security Bureau has announced that technical updates to the [EAS Test Reporting System \("ETRS"\)](#) have been completed and the ETRS is open and available to accept filings of Form One by EAS participants. The deadline to file is February 28, 2023.

Under FCC Rules, EAS participants must update their information annually via a Form One filing. This is typically done in connection with a nationwide EAS test, but FEMA did not conduct a test in 2022 and hasn't announced a 2023 test. Therefore, ETRS Form One must be filed no later than 2/28/23.

Radio Mercury Awards Call For Entry is Open



Enter the Radio Mercury Awards competition for your station or group's radio and audio work. Winners receive the iconic Radio Mercury Awards trophy and a cash prize. Check out [FAQs](#), then find the [best entry categories](#) for your work. [Entry Deadline is April 10th](#).

Broadcast Job Openings Around Vermont



COMMITTED TO OUR COMMUNITY



Account Executive, News Producer, Assignment Editor, Reporter, Anchor, Receptionist/Sales Assistant, Digital Content Producer, Chief Photographer, Integrated Marketing Intern, News Intern, Newscast Director, Meteorologist, News Anchor/Reporter

Account Executive, Chief Engineer, Weekend Anchor/Multimedia Journalist, Multimedia Journalist (entry level)

Meteorologist, Photographer, News Intern, Associate Producer, Producer, Administrative Assistant, Chief Photographer, Sales Account Associate



Director of Radio Programming, Digital Editor, Director of Membership, Programming Producer, Afternoon News Producer,



Account Executive



Account Executive

Utilizing your state broadcasters association to post job openings earns you EEO Credit! If you have a job opening you would like the VAB to publicize, simply email a description to vab@vab.org

This Week at the FCC



Every week, the attorneys at [Wilkinson Barker Knauer, LLP](#) in Washington D.C. provide a summary of the regulatory and legal actions of significance to broadcasters within the FCC. They also provide links to information about how these actions may affect your operations. Read this week's summary as well as summaries from past weeks at:

<https://vab.org/this-week-at-the-fcc>

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