

Welcome to The Kansas City Association of Black Journalists

Building Strength in the New Millennium Through Membership & Community Service

How KCABJ Began

Black journalists in Kansas City met on Dec. 5, 1981, and forged an enduring organization that enables members to come together for fellowship and to pool their resources to benefit themselves collectively and to better serve the community. The professional organization they created has helped strengthen the ties among print, broadcast and electronic media journalists.

Membership Requirements

KCABJ is open to working journalists involved in the gathering, dissemination and production of news through newspapers, television, radio, magazines, electronic media publishing firms and wire services. All membership applications are subject to the review of KCABJ's executive board.

Membership Classifications

Full membership is extended to people working in the print, broadcast and electronic (Internet) publishing media. Associate memberships are available to educators, students, public relations professionals, former working journalists, newsletter writers and editors, and free-lance journalists who spend more than 50 percent of their time producing the news. All members are required to pay dues.

National Association of Black Journalists

The Kansas City Association of Black Journalists is a bonded affiliate of the National Association of Black Journalists. KCABJ also is a not-for-profit corporation registered in Missouri with the Office of the Secretary of State.

Our Goals

KCABJ's focus is on Greater Kansas City. The membership strives to:

- Strengthen ties among African Americans in the media.
- Sensitize the media to institutional racism in news coverage and in employment practices.
- Promote accurate, balanced, fair and complete coverage by the media of African Americans and other people of color in Greater Kansas City.
- Stand as an example of an exemplary group of professionals who represent excellence and promote outstanding achievements among all journalists.
- Encourage journalism schools to hire, promote and grant tenure to African American journalism professors.
- Work with high schools and colleges to identify, encourage and guide potential journalists.
- Encourage area media companies to develop, recruit, hire and promote African American journalists.

- Strive through continuing education to help prepare African American journalists for managerial and supervisory positions.

To Apply

Mail this application with your \$20 check to cover your annual membership dues to KCABJ, P.O. Box 32744, Kansas City, Mo. 64111. Your membership entitles you to receive the KCABJ monthly newsletter and monthly meeting notices.

NAME _____

DATE _____

HOME ADDRESS _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS _____

Phone (w) _____ (h) _____

Occupation (Title, company and address):

FULL/ASSOCIATE/STUDENT MEMBER

(circle one)

Membership in KCABJ runs from January through December. Annual dues of \$20 in the organization has not changed since 1981. It remains the lowest of any affiliates in the National Association of Black Journalists. KCABJ is supported by dues, donations and investments.