



Midpeninsula Post

Think you could bring something to our team? We're always looking for reporters, editors, photographers and graphic designers who can bring fresh talent to our newsroom.

Prior journalism experience is preferred, but not required. Ultimately, we're looking for hard workers who'll contribute to the team culture and bring something unique to the table. And yes, we'll take you even if you're currently writing for another publication.

Some notes

Submit a PDF of this document to midpenpost@gmail.com in an email titled "Midpeninsula Post application — YOUR NAME." CC our editor aktormala@gmail.com.

What does the process look like after you submit?

- 1. Our five-person administrative board will review your written application.*
 - 2. If we think you might be a good fit, we'll set up an interview with you over Zoom.*
 - 3. If we still think you'd be a good fit, we'll offer you a spot as a "contributor," which means you'll come to our meetings and work on content with an experienced staffer until you produce a piece of work — roughly two weeks. It's essentially an extended application, where we can see you in real-world action, and you can decide whether this is something you're truly willing to commit to.*
 - 4. If we still think you'd be a good fit, we'll offer you a full staff position after those two weeks.*
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Basic information

Name

School and grade

Email

Phone number

I'm applying as a (reporter/photographer/graphic designer/other):

You as a journalist

Tell us about any prior experience you've had as a journalist, or in any other applicable setting.

What kind of content are you interested in covering for us?

Why are you interested in pursuing journalism at the high school level? And why the Midpeninsula Post specifically? Are you looking to expand your scope of coverage? Work with journalists from other schools? Does something about our mission especially resonate with you? Are you just looking for more experience?

What's your biggest strength as a journalist? If you haven't had any prior experience, what existing skills or traits do you think will be most valuable to you as a journalist?

If you're applying as a photographer or graphic designer, tell us about your past experience. What kind of work have you done? What technical skills do you have?

If you're applying as a graphic designer, tell us about one thing you like and one thing you'd change about The Post's current graphics.

More about you

Tell us about the kinds of things you do outside of attending class. Sports? Clubs? Hobbies? Other extracurriculars?

What's your favorite class you've ever taken in school? Why?

Any fun facts we should know about you?

Samples and other information

Link here to a couple pieces of your work that best demonstrate your ability as a journalist — or in whichever capacity you're applying for (photographer, graphic designer, etc.). If you don't have any prior experience, link to any relevant samples that best demonstrate your talent. Make sure any Google Docs have public link sharing turned on. Feel free to link to our attach any other relevant documents, like resumes, that you also want us to take a look at.

What times and days are you free for an interview?

Anything else we should know about you or your application?