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## **CPBN Accepting Applications for Its 2015 Scholarship** Award

HARTFORD, Conn. (April 23, 2015) – The Connecticut Public Broadcasting Network (CPBN) – parent company of CPTV (Connecticut Public Television) and WNPR (Connecticut Public Radio) – is pleased to announce it will present a 2015 scholarship award valued at \$1,500 to a Connecticut resident who is looking to pursue a career in media.

Completed applications for the award are now being accepted, and must be submitted to CPBN by Wednesday, July 1. In order to be considered an eligible candidate, an applicant must be a Connecticut resident who is currently attending – or planning to attend – any university, college, two-year community college or technical school with a concentration in media studies.

The scholarship will be awarded based on the candidate's grades, volunteer service, extracurricular activities, adult recommendations and a 300-word essay explaining how the candidate's planned studies will aid his or her pursuit of a career in media.

More information and the downloadable scholarship application are available on CPBN's website at <u>CPBN.org/scholarship</u>.

## About the Connecticut Public Broadcasting Network

The Connecticut Public Broadcasting Network (CPBN) includes CPTV and WNPR. CPTV, a media service of CPBN, is a locally and nationally recognized producer and presenter of quality public television programming, including original documentaries, public affairs shows and educational programming. CPTV has built a reputation as a leader in children's programming, including playing an historic role in bringing *Barney & Friends*<sup>TM</sup>, *Bob the Builder*<sup>TM</sup> and *Thomas & Friends*<sup>TM</sup> to public television. The station offers 11.5 hours of positive, nurturing children's programs each weekday, reaching 450,000 households each week.

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The Connecticut Public Broadcasting Network also includes WNPR, an affiliate of National Public Radio, Public Radio International and American Public Media. WNPR serves 276,000 listeners weekly in Connecticut, New York and Rhode Island with news and information. Its award-winning local programming includes *The Faith Middleton Show*, *The Colin McEnroe Show* and *Where We Live*. CPBN also includes two affiliate channels: CPTV4U, a 24/7 television channel featuring award-winning drama, news and talk programming, concert performances, independent films, nature shows, British comedy and more; and CPTV Sports, Connecticut's only 24-hour local sports network, covering statewide high school, college, semi-professional and professional sports. CPBN also houses the Learning Lab, home to the Journalism & Media Academy Magnet School satellite campus and the Institute for Advanced Media, which includes the Veterans Vocational Training Program. For more information, visit <u>CPBN.org</u>.

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