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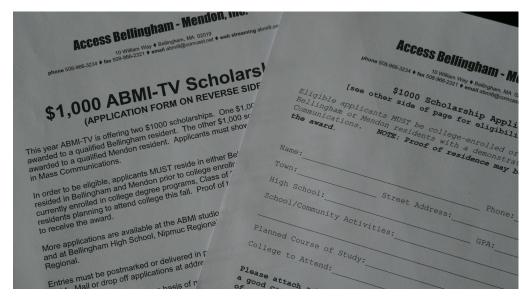
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ABMI-TV \$1,000 Scholarships Offered to Bellingham and Mendon Residents



Applications for the 2016 ABMI-TV \$1,000 Scholarships can be picked up at our studio at 10 William Way in Bellingham. They are also available through the Bellingham High School, Nipmuc High School, and Blackstone Valley Tech Guidance Departments.

Application Deadline, Monday, May 16, 2016

This year ABMI is offering two \$1,000 scholarships. One of the scholarships will go to a qualified Bellingham resident; the other to a qualified Mendon resident. Applicants must show a demonstrated interest in Mass Communications.

In order to be eligible, applicants may be currently enrolled in college degree programs, Class of 2016 high school graduates, or simply residents planning to attend college this fall. Proof of town residence may be required to receive the award.

The winner is selected on basis of merit only. The decision on the winners will be announced in late May or early June.

Last year's winners were Allisa Wyant of Bellingham (Hofstra) and Lauren Guertin of Mendon (Worcester Polytechnic Institute).



B.O.D. Approves Game-by-Game Stipend for Announcer Royce

Station Manager Patrick Fleming told the ABMI Board of Directors at the March 3 meeting that volunteer announcer Pete Royce would like monetary compensation for his work covering local high school sports for ABMI. Fleming received the okay from the Board to pay Royce a stipend for basketball and football coverage.

In other business, Board Member Nick Russell asked about a listed deposit of \$47,000 in the Oct. 2015 Treasuer's Report. Fleming said he moved \$20,000 because the station's checking account was getting low.

Board Member Earl Pearlman asked if the rise in the Verizon income was due to more subscribers or just a higher price being charged to subsribers. Fleming said a lot of houses have been going up in Bellingham, which may be increasing the number of subscribers.

Russell asked whether the Verizon checks are issued every six months. Fleming said the checks are issued quarterly.





Board Member Jereme Cooper asked why the Verizon channel went out at Mendon Town Hall. Fleming said it may have been due to a faulty reboot after a power outage.

Board Member Diane Mela Souvanna asked if there was any progress on the Volunteer Appreciation Night. Fleming said it will take place next month and feature buffet food at Lowell's Restaurant as in the past. Fleming said the total cost of the meal last year came to about \$450. Fleming told the Board he will try to book the the restaurant for April 21 from 6:30pm to 8:30pm. Any volunteer who has done work at the station in the past year will be invited.

Souvanna said she is looking forward to viewing John Trainor's piece on the Mendon Cemetery Tour.

Cooper asked Publicity Director Steve Saraceno what materials were recently purchased from Quill. Saraceno said stationery supplies -- ink cartridges, copy paper, steno pads.

Production Coordinator Jeff Paul said the BHS cable club HAWK-TV is viewed by the high school every Friday.



REGULAR SHOWS

ABMI PUBLIC CHANNEL

MONDAY

10:30am & 4:30pm Train Time

Noon & 6pm Mass Climate Action

9pm - Mendon Board of Selectmen

TUESDAY

12:30pm & 6pm - Victory Assembly of God

1:30pm & 4:30pm-Wicked Good Food

7pm & 11pm - Paul in the Pit

WEDNESDAY

10pm & 4pm Physician Focus

1pm & 7pm - In the Spotlight

THURSDAY

1pm & 7pm Strictly Business

FRIDAY-SUNDAY

10am & 4pm - Chef's Table

11am & 5pm - Something Specail

10pm - The Dungeon of Dr. Dreck

ABMI BELLINGHAM CHANNELS

Public Channel Verizon47
Public Channel Comcast 8
Education Channel Verizon 43
Education Channel Comcast 98
Government Channel Verizon 45
Government Channel Comcast 11

Lights, Cameras, and Action at ABMI-TV

Guests Phil Dunlavey (far left) and Dan Doyle (middle) chat with host Don Keller during the March 1 shoot of *In the Spotlight*.

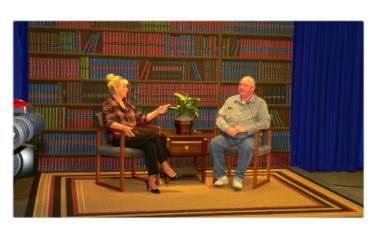




Volunteer Derek Berchtold takes a perch behind the camera during the March 1 *In the Spotlight*.

Early Beatles tribute band Studio Two recently signed to appear at Bellingham Town Common on Wednesday night July 27.







At left, Linda Trudeau chats with guest Bill Eltzroth. Above, Springtime is just around the corner -- or down the hallway at ABMI-TV.

More Information About ABMI-TV Scholarships

Ever posted a YouTube video? Written for the school newspaper? Taken a course in media studies?

You are eligible to apply for the 2016 ABMI-TV \$1,000 Scholarship.

As long as you are a resident of Bellingham or Mendon and plan to attend college in the fall of 2016, your application will be considered by the ABMI Board of Directors.

Scholarships are awarded on the basis of merit only.

ABMI MENDON

PUBLIC CHANNEL COMCAST 8
PUBLIC CHANNEL VERIZON 47
EDUCATION CHANNEL COMCAST 98
EDUCATION CHANNEL VERIZON 42

GOVERNMENT CHANNEL COMCAST 11
GOVERNMENT CHANNEL VERIZON 41



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Next Meeting Thurs. May 12, 2016 6:15 p.m.

directions to studio

Seven things to know about ABMI

- You can post free notices for your nonprofit organization or activity on our video bulletin board. Best way is to email us at abmi8@comcast.net. You can also phone at 508-966-3234. Or send a fax at 508-966-2321.
- 2. All our public channel cablecasts stream live at the same time from our website at abmi8.org. Taped public meetings and special events are also available for viewing in the Archive section at our site.
- 3. DVD copies of ABMI shows are available for \$15.75 per copy. We have shows going back as far as 1985, so if there's a blast from the past you'd like to see again, call us at 508-966-3234.
- 4. ABMI encourages interested volunteers. Our staff is available to teach basic camera technique and non-linear editing on a one-to-one basis.
- Station Manager Patrick Fleming, Publicity Director Steve Saraceno, and Production Coordinator Erik Fischer are generally available weekdays by calling 508-966-3234.
- The ABMI public channel is Channel 8 for Comcast subscribers and Channel 47 for Verizon folks.
- 7. Live town meetings generally run on



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