

# CHARLES Y. ADAIR AWARD

**This \$500 award is given each year  
to a senior in the Communication Department at Buffalo State College.**

1. **Eligibility.** All graduating seniors in the department are eligible to apply for the award. Application form is available online or at the department office.
2. **Criteria.** Applicants should submit a personal statement describing their professional commitment to communication. Supporting materials should include either an academic paper or an applied media presentation (such as a series of articles or broadcast pieces) related to journalism, media ethics, technology, or press freedom, rights and/or responsibilities.
3. **Selection Panel.** Award recipients will be selected by a five-person panel made up of three faculty members and one student member of the department's Student Enrichment Committee, along with the department chair.
4. **Distribution.** Selection will be made in the fall. The award of \$500 will be distributed in a single installment. (Note: For the initial awarding of this scholarship, seniors anticipating a December graduation may apply and receive the award retroactively.)
5. **Financial Stability of Award.** This award is generated by funds in an endowed account in the Buffalo State College Foundation.

*CHARLIE ADAIR taught journalism at Buffalo State from 1980 until his death in 2000 at age 58. He had worked as a reporter and copy editor in Michigan, Missouri and Western New York and was known for his real-world approach to communication education. Charlie always held his students to high professional standards, and they returned the favor by revering him as a great journalism professor and a major influence on their careers.*

