You may have found yourself intrigued with a story, later sharing it with a friend and watching the process repeat itself. It’s something that journalists are familiar with, adding critical attention to detail, facts, sources and transparency.

The foundation of journalism is built on truth, accuracy and transparency. Journalists serve the public by telling the truth, while also shedding light on voices that may be silenced or hidden through the art of storytelling. It can leave a powerful impact on a community which makes the role of a journalist crucial in the ecosystem of information sharing and opening dialogue within our neighborhoods.

As a journalist, you’re given the task of sorting through information, fact-checking and organizing the material in a way that can help others uncover the unknown.

Your role as a journalist at \_\_\_(school)\_\_\_ will be to push yourself creatively and develop a deeper understanding of journalism in today’s society. There are legal and ethical questions that journalists will have to ask themselves that may impact coverage, but it should always be centered around high journalistic integrity.

But beyond the scope of maintaining high ethical standards, journalists have the ability to venture out into the unknown and to experience the world with a new perspective. It’s the chance to be creative and open, discovering the world beyond the surface. It’s not always easy, but it can provide a rewarding experience unlike others.

You have the ability to create change, offer solutions and encourage discussions through your words and visual storytelling techniques.

This manual will help you get started on identifying the role of journalists, managing daily and weekly tasks and fostering an appreciation quality journalism and the ever-changing field of information sharing.