

# Sawyer Belair

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## EDUCATION

University of Nebraska-Lincoln  
BA of Journalism | May 2023

- Minors in Physics and Mathematics
- GPA: 3.771

## SKILLS SUMMARY

- Journalistic reporting
- Interviewing and research
- Writing
- Computer programming (Python, R, Java, HTML, Datawrapper)
- GIS mapping
- Leadership
- Data analysis
- Mathematics
- Video/audio editing

## HONORS AND AWARDS

- UNL Regents Scholarship
- OPS Foundation Othmer Scholarship
- 32 Composite ACT Score (36 ENG, 27 MAT, REA 34, SCI 32)

## WORK EXPERIENCE

### News Reporter Intern

Lincoln Journal Star | Jan. 2023 - Aug. 2023

- Worked the city desk as a general assignment reporter, covering higher education, breaking news, crime and community features for Nebraska's second-largest newspaper.

### News Reporter Intern

The Norfolk Daily News | May 2022 - Aug. 2022

- Reported on/photographed community events, medical marijuana, courts, city infrastructure projects, politics and local sports for one of the last family-owned daily newspapers in the country.

### Culture/News Reporter

The Daily Nebraskan | Sept. 2021 - Present

- Worked the international students & cultures, artists beats for the Culture section/science, crime and university accountability beats for the News section.

### Journalism Research Assistant

College of Journalism & Mass Communications | Aug. 2022 - Present

- Worked on featherboard audio sensors, heartbeat monitors, seismographs while utilizing CircuitPython programming in tech-based journalism research project under Prof. Matt Waite.

### Physics Research Assistant

UNL Dept. of Physics and Astronomy | Sept. 2020 - Jan. 2021

- Utilized data analysis and presentation skills to present & evaluate neutrino sensor readings from the Askaryan Radio Array to an international physics research group under Prof. Ilya Kravchenko.

### Astronomy Teaching Assistant

UNL Dept. of Physics and Astronomy | Feb. 2020 - Present

- Operated space telescopes at on-campus Student Observatory, utilizing knowledge of physics and astronomy to administer observation-based lessons for astronomy students.