

Laila Ali

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EDUCATION

Loyola University Chicago

Chicago, IL

Expected Graduation Date: May 2026

- Majoring in Multimedia Journalism with a minor in Sociology

RELEVANT EXPERIENCE

The Loyola Phoenix

Chicago, IL

News Reporter

August 2023 - Present

- Wrote articles covering various newsworthy topics around the Chicago area while adhering to tight deadlines
- Covered events such as protests and campus events while focusing on conducting thorough interviews and noting crucial details
- Converted news stories to social media content for Instagram, curating captions and eye-catching photographs to grasp viewer attention

The World Music Foundation

Chicago, IL

Podcast Production Intern

January-May 2024

- Created detail-oriented production notes and transcribed podcast episodes with special attention to errors, audio defects and content issues
- Edited podcast episodes on Audacity removing speech and audio errors and created a final cohesive product
- Wrote formal artist invitation letters to publicists and management companies of well-known musicians

Disco Sher LLC

Chicago, IL

Visual Storytelling & Media Production Intern Lead

May-August 2025

- Supported grant writing efforts by researching and applying for fashion and small business-related grants
- Created social media reels and grid posts covering fashion and culture-centered events in Chicago
- Assisted in planning and on-site execution of fundraisers and community-focused events.

OTHER WORK EXPERIENCE

Sushi-San

Chicago, IL

Hostess

June 2024-Present

- Greeted and sat and average of 300 guests per shift while maintaining excellent customer service
- Managed reservations and waitlists using OpenTable optimizing seating arrangements
- Trained new host staff improving team efficiency and service quality

SKILLS

Skills: Adobe Premiere Pro, Final Cut Pro, Audacity, Microsoft Excel, Microsoft Access, Canva