

VALLEY PRESS CLUB SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION INFORMATION

At the end of the school year, the **Valley Press Club** will award five scholarships of \$1,000 each to students planning careers in journalism. They are available to high school seniors in western Massachusetts and northern Connecticut who are planning to attend accredited institutions of higher education. Applicants must be **seriously committed to careers in journalism**.

The two **Valley Press Club Scholarships**, funded by contributions and dues to the Press Club, are for students planning careers in print or broadcast journalism.

The Republican Scholarship, funded by The Republican newspaper and administered by the club, is for students within the newspaper's circulation area who are planning careers in print journalism.

The Channel 22 Scholarship, funded by WWLP-TV and administered by the club, is for students planning careers in broadcast journalism.

The Edward J. Malley Jr. Memorial Scholarship, established in memory of a chief photographer for the Springfield newspapers, is for students planning careers in photojournalism.

Primary emphasis is placed on **career goals, writing ability, scholastic aptitude and overall achievement** as measured by applicants' high school transcript, class rank, academic awards, SAT scores, and extracurricular activities. Emphasis will be given to field experience, including work on a school newspaper or yearbook, employment or courses in journalism. Recipients must also be able to demonstrate a financial need. Finalists are interviewed by the scholarship committee.

No application will be considered without the following:

- The **completed application**.
- A copy of the student's **Financial Aid Form** and only that **portion of parents' tax return** that shows **Adjusted Gross Income**.
- High school transcript**.
- Letter of recommendation** from an educator, community leader, employer, or someone acquainted with the applicant's character, abilities and career goals
- Resume**
- One to five examples of your journalistic work**.

The application should be **typed** or completed on a computer. **An electronic version, which can be filed by e-mail or completed on a word processor, is available at www.valleypressclub.com** However, **financial information** should be sent by **regular mail**. The pages of your application **should be numbered and each page should contain your name**. Please, no two-sided copies. Do not include original newsprint clippings; photocopy them on letter-sized paper.

For more information or assistance, contact Robert McClellan, scholarship committee chair, at 413-783-3355. For information on filing electronically call Trudy Tynan, 413-534-4770.

Applications must be **postmarked or mailed by April 1, 2008**. They should be sent by e-mail to **application@valleypressclub.com** or by regular mail to:

**Valley Press Club Scholarship Committee
Box 5475
Springfield, MA 01102.**

No supplemental material will be accepted after the April 1 deadline.