

Valley Press Club Application and Checklist

In order for your application to be considered you will need to submit::

- 1. Completed **2-page application** with attached
 - News story**
 - Personal statement (optional)
 - 2. **Financial Information (Please send by regular mail)**
 - A copy of your **Financial Aid Form**
 - Only the portion of parents' **income tax** return that shows **Adjusted Gross Income.**
 - 3. **High school transcript.**
 - 4.. **Letter of recommendation** from an educator, community leader, employer, or someone acquainted with your character, abilities and career goals. We want to know about your intelligence, your interests and your character - not how you behave in class.
 - 5. **Resume:** This should include your activities inside and outside of school, work experience, special training such as writing or photography classes, offices held in school or student organizations and some key accomplishments..
 - 6. **One to five examples of your journalistic work.** Videos and other material accompanying the application **will not be returned.**
 - The material, including this application, should be typed or completed on a word processor.** Electronic versions of the forms can be downloaded from <http://www.valleypressclub.com>
- If you have difficulty loading the application form into your word processor, you may copy the questions and type in your responses, without using the form.**
- Every page of your application should be **numbered** and each should **contain your name.**
 - Applications must be **postmarked by April 1.** The **financial information should be sent by regular mail.** The application, resume and examples of your work may be sent by e-mail to **application@valleypressclub.com** Or they may be mailed with your financial information to:

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

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.

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I. Personal and Family information

Name: _____
Address: _____
City, State, Zip: _____
Telephone: _____ Email _____
Date of Birth: _____
School: _____
Father or Guardian: _____
Father's occupation: _____
Father's employer: _____
Mother or Guardian: _____
Mother's occupation: _____
Mother's employer: _____

2. List ages and year in school of brothers and sisters who are financially dependent on your parents or guardians:

3. List colleges to which you have applied. Indicate those which have accepted you.

Have you made a final choice? If so, which?

4. SAT Scores:

Total: _____ Critical Reading: _____ Math: _____ Writing: _____

Rank in class _____ Out of how many? _____

5. Describe your career goals. Use a separate sheet if necessary:

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6. If you are planning a career in photography, describe the camera equipment you have used:

7. **News Story:** Please write a 300-word news story, not an essay, about yourself or an incident at school. If you choose to write about yourself it may be about one or more of your real or hypothetical experiences or career plans. If you are seeking the photojournalism scholarship, also describe, or include, two photos to illustrate the story. Please use a separate sheet.

8. **Personal Statement:** You may provide the scholarship committee with any additional information you want us to consider such as extraordinary family circumstances which might impede attendance at the college of your choice or other information on your background or experience which will help the committee. Please use a separate sheet.

9. **Financial Situation:**

Include costs for freshman year only. If you already know which college you will be attending provide financial information for that school. If you are undecided, submit a college budget for all schools you are considering. Use separate sheets if necessary.

School: _____

Savings you will use the first year: _____

Contribution from parents/guardians: _____

Amount you expect to earn this summer toward college: _____

Financial aid offered you by the school: _____

Grants: _____

Work opportunity: _____

Loans: _____

Other: _____

Total available funds first year: _____