

# VALLEY PRESS CLUB APPLICATION 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)
  - Only the portion of **parents' income tax return** that shows **Adjusted Gross Income**. (Please black out any social security numbers)
- 3. **High school transcript.**
- 4. One **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 three examples of your journalistic work.** Videos and other material accompanying the application **will not be returned.**
- The material, including this application, should be typed.** Electronic versions of the forms can be downloaded from **[www.valleypressclub.com](http://www.valleypressclub.com)**

**If you have difficulty downloading the application, you may photocopy 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 application, resume and examples of your work may be sent by e-mail to: [scholarship@valleypressclub.com](mailto:scholarship@valleypressclub.com)  
The **financial information should be sent by regular mail.**

Or hard copies may be mailed with your financial information to:

**Valley Press Club Scholarship Committee**  
**PO Box 5475**  
**Springfield MA 01102**

**For more information or assistance,** contact Noreen Tassinari, Scholarship Committee chair, at 413-205-5037 or [ntassinari@TheBigE.com](mailto:ntassinari@TheBigE.com). For information on filing electronically, call Trudy Tynan, 413-534-4770

# VALLEY PRESS CLUB SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

## I. Personal and Family information

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Student's email \_\_\_\_\_ Student's Cell \_\_\_\_\_

School \_\_\_\_\_

Father or Guardian \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation \_\_\_\_\_

Father's Employer \_\_\_\_\_

Mother or Guardian \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation \_\_\_\_\_

Mother's Employer \_\_\_\_\_

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

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**3. List colleges to which you have applied - indicate those which have accepted you.**

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**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:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**7. News Story** – Please write a 300-word or less 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 \$ \_\_\_\_\_