

Norma & Evert Persons' Journalism Scholarship Application Form

The Press Democrat Community Fund's Norma & Evert Person's Journalism Scholarship will be awarded to select high school seniors who plan to attend either Santa Rosa Junior College or Sonoma State University and possess a strong interest in pursuing a career in journalism.

Each Scholarship will provide four years of support based on the continued eligibility of the student and will include annual cash awards of up to \$2,500 each year, a mentorship program, and assistance in securing paid summer internships.

Application Eligibility criteria includes:

- Completed Application Form
- Completed Essay
- Acceptance confirmation from a Junior College or 4-year College or University

Information:

Applicant Name _____

Home Address _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

PHONE _____ Email _____

Name of High School _____ City/Town _____

Expected graduation date _____

Which college or university do you intend to attend? _____

Please provide a reference (either a former employer or teacher)

Name _____ Occupation _____

Email _____ Phone _____

Additionally, letters of recommendation are encouraged but not required

Sample Letter

(You may use this format as a guide in writing your own scholarship application letter)

Date (use the date you write the letter)

Dear Scholarship Selection Committee,

My name is *(full name)* and I am applying for the Press Democrat Community Fund JOURNALISM Scholarship. I am...

(Use this paragraph to tell the reader about yourself and why you are applying for this particular scholarship. Use simple and direct statements. Tell the reader about yourself, your family, your background and anything else that you may think may be of interest about your circumstances.)

During my high school years I...

(Use this paragraph to tell the reader about some of the classes you have taken, and your activities. Mention hobbies, outside interests and any work experiences)

I am especially interested in studying Journalism because...

(Use this paragraph to tell the reader about what led you to want to learn more about journalism, and eventually pursue a career in journalism. Why are you passionate about journalism? How do you feel this scholarship help you?)

Thank you for considering my application,

Sincerely

(your name)