

# The National Press Club Scholarship for Journalism Diversity

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The National Press Club, one of the oldest and most prestigious journalism organizations in the country, wants to recruit promising future journalists who will bring diversity to American journalism.

The scholarship consists of a \$2,000 one-year scholarship, which can be renewed for up to three years at \$2,500 per year. The first scholarship includes an additional \$500 book stipend to be called the Ellen Masin Persina Scholarship. The Persina Scholarship will be awarded to the recipient of the NPC Scholarship, making the total amount of the first-year award \$2,500.

The competition is open to high school seniors, with a grade point average of 3.0 or better, who are preparing to enter college and intends to become a journalist and who will bring diversity to US journalism.

Applicants **MUST** provide the following information in **TRIPLICATE (3 copies)** of all requested information). All information must be included in **ONE PACKAGE, INCLUDING RECOMMENDATIONS** – newspaper articles **MUST** be reduced to 8 ½ by 11 sheets **ONLY**. **FAILURE TO INCLUDE ALL INFORMATION IN TRIPLICATE, INCLUDING MULTIMEDIA FORMATS, WILL RESULT IN DISQUALIFICATION.**

- No more than five (5) work samples demonstrating an ongoing interest in journalism through work on a high school newspaper or other media. These may be print articles (**reduced to 8 ½ by 11 size**), or multimedia stories on a CD or DVD (**three copies of all media**).
- A 500-word essay explaining how s/he would add diversity to US journalism.
- Three letters of recommendations from persons who are not members of your family (**MUST BE INCLUDED IN THE SAME PACKAGE**).
- A copy of your high school transcript (**MUST BE MAILED IN THE SAME PACKAGE ALONG WITH ALL OTHER INFORMATION**).
- A completed signed copy of the Financial Aid Form (FAFSA) that you submitted.
- A letter of acceptance from the college/university of your choice or some documentation indicating where you have applied.
- A brief description of how you have pursued journalism in high school. The student may discuss financial need or any special circumstances that would assist the Scholarship Committee in selecting a nominee.

## **SUPPORTING THE SCHOLARSHIP FUND**

Given in memory of the late Ellen Masin Persina, an award-winning journalist and Press Club member who was active on the Scholarship Committee, the scholarship is funded by her friends and family and by money raised through National Press Club activities.

Tax-deductible donations may be sent to: National Press Club Journalism Institute, c/o National Press Club, 529 14<sup>th</sup> Street, NW, Washington, DC 20045.

## PAST WINNER

The 2014 scholarship winner was José Valle of Kill Devil Hills, NC.

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### **The National Press Club Scholarship Application** (Please type or print legibly. You do not have to be a U.S. citizen to apply.)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Sex: \_\_\_\_\_

Home address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Home telephone number: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

Name, address and telephone number of high school: \_\_\_\_\_

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College(s) to which you are seeking admission: \_\_\_\_\_

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Please specify other forms of financial assistance you have sought and the total amounts received: \_\_\_\_\_

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***THREE*** copies of all requested information must accompany this application. ***All*** information ***MUST*** be received in ***ONE*** envelope. Incomplete applications will not be processed. Application ***MUST*** be postmarked by ***MARCH 1***. ***Only the winner will be notified of his/her acceptance.***

*Applications should be sent to:*

***National Press Club  
Attention: Scholarship Department  
529 14<sup>th</sup> Street, NW, 13<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Washington, DC 20045***