St. Louis Press Club and St. Louis Journalism Foundation
2018 Scholarship Information and Application Form

St. Louis Press Club Scholarships are available for students pursuing degrees leading to careers in print, digital or broadcast journalism.

St. Louis Press Club Internship Scholarships are available to communication students who are able to intern at the Press Club office 12 hours per week (minimum 130 total hours).

Media Summer Internship Scholarships are available for students arranging their own summer internships to meet their degree requirements.

The Journalism Foundation Scholarships (multiple scholarships funded by various St. Louis organizations and private donations) are available for students that are funded by the St. Louis chapter of the Baseball Writers Association, Fleishman-Hillard, Inc., Times Newspapers (Webster Groves-Kirkwood Times, South County Times and West End Word), Webster University, Missouri Professional Communicators-NFPW, United Media Guild and private donations.

The St. Louis Press Club also funds scholarships judged by the University of Missouri School of Journalism ($5,000 David S. Lipman Press Club and St. Louis Post-Dispatch), the Mathew-Dickey Boys' & Girls' Club ($1,000 Sky's the Limit), the Missouri Journalism Educators Association ($1,000 to Excellence in High School Journalism Winner).

SCHOLARSHIP ELIGIBILITY:
All Applicants must be:
- Currently enrolled as full-time students who are intending to pursue a career in journalism, media communications or a related media field; graduate students must carry at least six hours. Preference is given to students from the St. Louis bi-state metropolitan area (City of St. Louis, Franklin, Jefferson, Lincoln, St. Charles, St. Louis, and Warren Counties in Missouri; and Bond, Clinton, Jackson, Jersey, Madison, Monroe, and St. Clair Counties in Illinois.)

$1,000 Press Club Media Summer Internship Scholarships: Sophomore, junior or senior students from the bi-state region pursuing a degree in communication and planning a summer academic internship in a communication field according to the specifications of their college. (multiple)

$1,000 Internship Scholarships at the Press Club: Sophomore, junior or senior during the spring, summer, or fall semesters for students attending any university, but in St. Louis during the internship and able to complete a 130 hour semester-long internship at the Press Club office. (one each semester)

$2,500 Press Club Ron Wade Scholarship: Junior or senior student or graduate student from the bi-state St. Louis area pursuing a degree in print journalism. (one each year)

$2,000 Press Club Neiman Marcus Media Scholarship: Junior or senior student from the bi-state St. Louis area intending to pursue a career in journalism with emphasis in print, digital, broadcast/television/radio reporting. (one each year)

$1,000 to $1,500 Journalism Foundation Scholarships: Sophomore, junior, senior or graduate students in fall of 2017 from the bi-state St. Louis area who will be pursuing a degree in media related or communication field. (each organization gives one per year)

(Selection of the David S. Lipman $5,000 scholarship recipient is made by the University of Missouri School of Journalism faculty; selection of the $1,000 Sky's the Limit scholarship recipient is made by the Mathew-Dickey Boys' & Girls' Club; selection of the $1,000 MJEA scholarship is made by the Missouri Journalism Educators Association)
PROCEDURE AND REQUIREMENTS:

All applicants must complete the application form at the end of this document and . . .

Write a statement of 300 to 500 words explaining why you are applying for this scholarship. If seeking an internship scholarship, describe your expectations for that internship and where, if known, you'll be interning. Include your plan for completing your education, your long-term career goals, your college activities, the number of hours you have completed in media related classes, and, your financial need circumstances, if any.

Submit your best work sample (e.g., news or magazine article, ad, brochure, video, DVD, class paper on communications topic, photographs).

Have a communications or media related professor submit a letter of recommendation.

Your college transcript of classes and grades. (your copy is acceptable)

Return your completed application by Friday, May 4, 2018.

Submit to:

St. Louis Press Club
If Mailed: P.O. Box 410522, Creve Coeur, MO 63141
If Emailed: info@stlpressclub.org
If delivered, call first (314-449-8029 or 314-640-6760) and bring to Press Club office, Third Floor of 2127 Innerbelt Business Center Drive, St. Louis, MO 63114

SELECTION PROCESS

A panel of judges from the St. Louis Press Club will select the scholarship recipients based on:

◆ Quality/focus of essay and quality of work samples
◆ Letter of recommendation from communications professor.
◆ Academic excellence and financial need
◆ If applying for Press Club internship, an interview with the executive director

◆ Students will be notified of scholarship decisions in June.

FOLLOW UP

◆ Upon selection, submit a recent photo of yourself, head and shoulders, to be distributed with a news release if you are selected for a scholarship. Also a list of newspapers/publications to which you would like such a release sent.

◆ Journalism Foundation scholarship winners: You will need to have your university confirm your fall enrollment prior to receiving your scholarship.

◆ Summer Internship Scholarship winners: Upon completion of your internship, send to the Press Club a one-page summary of your internship experience and your internship supervisor must complete and return the Student Internship Evaluation form that will be provided by the Press Club.
Scholarship Application Form

Indicate all the scholarships for which you wish to be considered:

___ $1,000 Media Summer Internship Scholarships (multiple given)
___ $1,000 Press Club Internship Scholarship (one each semester)
___ $2,000 Press Club Neiman Marcus Media Scholarship (one per year)
___ $2,500 Press Club Ron Wade Scholarship (one per year)
___ $1,000-$1,500 Journalism Foundation Scholarships (multiple given)

Name of Applicant ____________________________________________ Date of Birth ________________

Current College or University ________________________________________________________________

Present Year in College: __ Sophomore __ Junior __ Senior __ Graduate  Expected Graduation Date ______

College attending next semester (if different from current): _______________________________________

College Grade Point Average ________ Major (and minor if applicable) _____________________________

Applicants’ Current College Address ___________________________________________________________

Cell phone: __________________________ College phone: __________________________

Email address: _____________________________________________________

Applicants’ Home Address (Street/City/State/ZIP) ______________________________________________

County (of Home Address) ________________  Home Telephone Number ____________________________

Name of Parents/Guardian/Spouse __________________________________________________________

Check the field or fields of journalism or communication you plan to pursue in your career:

☐ Newspaper  ☐ Public/Community Relations  ☐ Broadcast  ☐ Magazines

☐ Business/Trade Publications  ☐ Teaching  ☐ Advertising

☐ Videography and/or social media venues (explain)

☐ Photojournalism

☐ Other (please specify)

If applying for an internship with the Press Club, please list computer software program proficiencies:

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