

# St. Petersburg Times Fund, Inc.

## Career Journalism Scholarship First-time applicants

### Application for High School Seniors

The *St. Petersburg Times* Fund, Inc. seeks to identify worthy students who need additional resources to support their education in the practice and business of journalism. Criteria used to determine scholarship recipients are academic merit, diversity, interest in journalism as a career and financial need.

**Deadline: January 5**

Winners notified by March 1.

To be eligible for this \$2,500 scholarship, you must be a senior in a public or private high school in Pinellas, Hillsborough, Pasco, Hernando or Citrus counties in West Central Florida, with interest in a journalism career (print, broadcast, on-line). This scholarship may be renewed annually over four years of full-time undergraduate study.

#### Application Procedures:

**Part 1:** Complete and sign this Questionnaire (2 pages).

**Part 2:** In a short essay (500-800 words), describe your journalism experience. If you do not have such experience, explain why you are interested in journalism as a career. **ALSO, on another sheet of paper:** Provide your resume of achievements/awards.

**Part 3:** Attach an essay (1,000-1,500 words) reflecting how you are affected by the work of journalists. How do you get your news now? Looking to the future, how do you see yourself, as a journalist, influencing how news will be gathered and disseminated?

**Part 4:** Attach a letter telling **1)** which college you plan to attend, **2)** total cost of education for that institution, **3)** other financial aid for which you have applied or which you know you will receive, **4)** anything else pertinent to your family's financial situation.

**Part 5:** Portfolio of your work (writing, website, photography, design); no more than 6 examples and do not send originals. If you do not have previous experience, send 3 samples of your writing for class assignments (do not send originals).

**Part 6: THREE LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION**, written and signed by teachers (or others) for whom you have done a substantial amount of writing. **Each letter should have, at the top, your name and the teacher's name and the teacher's phone number.** In the letter, your teacher should discuss your writing ability, your strengths as a student, your character, areas in which you need to improve and how you have demonstrated your interest in journalism.

E-mail your letter **directly** to Nancy Waclawek, Director, *St. Petersburg Times* Fund, Inc., at [waclawek@sptimes.com](mailto:waclawek@sptimes.com) or FAX to 727-892-2257 by **January 5**.

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# Career Journalism Scholarship QUESTIONNAIRE

## **STUDENT**

Ms.

Mr. \_\_\_\_\_  
First Middle Last

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ County \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Date of birth \_\_\_\_\_

Are you a U.S. citizen? \_\_\_\_\_ Permanent resident? \_\_\_\_\_ If not U.S., country of birth? \_\_\_\_\_

How many years have you lived in the U.S.? \_\_\_\_\_ Is English your first language? \_\_\_\_\_ If not, what is? \_\_\_\_\_

How many years have you been speaking English? \_\_\_\_\_

What is your ethnicity?  Asian  Black  Hispanic  White

Multi-racial (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_  Other (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_

High school you attend (Use full name) \_\_\_\_\_

Address of school \_\_\_\_\_

High school program (if any) \_\_\_\_\_ Expected graduation date (month/year) \_\_\_\_\_

School Counselor \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Grade point average: (weighted) \_\_\_\_\_ (unweighted) \_\_\_\_\_ Class Rank \_\_\_\_\_

SAT-Critical reading \_\_\_\_\_ SAT-Math \_\_\_\_\_ SAT Writing \_\_\_\_\_

ACT (overall score) \_\_\_\_\_

Number of people living in your household = \_\_\_\_\_ adults AND \_\_\_\_\_ children 18 or younger.

Special circumstances, if any \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**PARENT OR GUARDIAN**

Name (Mr., Ms.) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to Student \_\_\_\_\_ Marital status:  Single  Married  Married to stepparent

Employed? \_\_\_\_\_ Job title & employer \_\_\_\_\_

If self-employed, describe type of business \_\_\_\_\_

Highest level of education \_\_\_\_\_

Name of school of highest education level \_\_\_\_\_

Address (city/state) \_\_\_\_\_

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**STUDENT**

I certify that the information contained in this application is true.

Applicant's  
Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Note: The information on this application will be read only by the selection committee and will not be shared with any outside groups, agencies or individuals.