



# 2026 PPA Scholarship Form

## \$1,000 Scholarship Application Form for Graduating High School Seniors

The Panhandle Press Association and Texas Press Association awards the PPA Scholarship of \$1,000, payable over two semesters at \$500 per semester at the recipient’s college of choice. Students who graduated from high school in the spring of 2025 and who live in a county served by a Panhandle Press Association member newspaper are eligible to apply for this scholarship. The student must plan to major in a Mass Communications field of study with a demonstrated interest in Print Journalism or Advertising OR plan to work for or operate a member newspaper. Recipients must be enrolled in at least three hours of college or university mass communication courses each semester that the scholarship is awarded OR be employed or interning that semester at a professional news outlet. Students must fill out the following application and submit a 250 word essay on the subject, “My Future and Career Plans in Community Journalism.”

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Sex \_\_\_ Hometown Newspaper \_\_\_\_\_

Permanent Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ Place of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Name of College or University \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_

Name of High School \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Graduation \_\_\_\_\_

Father’s Full Name \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation \_\_\_\_\_

Father’s Full Address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Mother’s Name \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation \_\_\_\_\_

Mother’s Full Address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Siblings At Home or in College \_\_\_\_\_ Financial Need: (Check one) Great \_\_\_ Average \_\_\_ Slight \_\_\_

High School Class Size \_\_\_\_\_ Grade Point Average \_\_\_\_\_ Class Ranking \_\_\_\_\_ (Attach Transcript)

School Paper or Annual Staff Experience \_\_\_\_\_ Position \_\_\_\_\_

Responsibilities \_\_\_\_\_

Favorite Subjects \_\_\_\_\_

Have You Worked for a Newspaper? \_\_\_ If So, What Publication? \_\_\_\_\_ How Long? \_\_\_\_\_

Responsibilities \_\_\_\_\_

Major High School Accomplishments And/Or Honors \_\_\_\_\_

References: Two People Familiar With Your Writing Ability (Include Name, Address and How Associated)

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

Association \_\_\_\_\_

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

Association \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant’s Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

*Send application, essay and high school transcript to: Roger Estlack, Panhandle Press Association, PO Box 1110, Clarendon, TX 79226. Judging will be conducted by the PPA board. **Deadline to apply is June 26, 2026. Applications must be postmarked by that date.***