

## *OAKLAND VOICES*

### *OAKLAND TRIBUNE COMMUNITY JOURNALISM PROJECT*

The Oakland Tribune is looking for West Oakland residents interested in reporting, writing, and taking photos for its community correspondents program. The 6-month program was created to put the power of storytelling in the hands of West Oakland residents. The Tribune wants community correspondents to be new voices in the coverage of Oakland. The program will enable people from the community to report on what they think is most important.

Applicants should be familiar with Oakland and with their own neighborhood. People with a broad range of life experience are encouraged to apply.

The correspondents will file stories and photos for the Tribune's web site and printed newspaper.

Previous journalism experience is not required. Those who are accepted in the program will receive training from the Maynard Institute for Journalism Education. Participants will learn journalistic skills such as research, writing and multimedia.

Correspondents will be given a small stipend.

Acceptance into and completion of this program do not guarantee future employment with The Oakland Tribune.

There will be **5 full-day training sessions - April 10-12 & 17-18.**  
**Note that training includes one full Monday and two weekends.**  
Following the first three days of training, participants will receive \$250 of their \$1000 stipend.

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Fill out this application as completely as you can. You may answer in the spaces provided (except where otherwise directed), or on a separate document.

An applicant is not required to have a driver's license, own a car, or any of the technology mentioned below. Not having them will not hurt your application. We just want a better sense of our applicants.

**Application deadline: Midnight, March 19, 2010.**

**How to find and submit applications:**

**West Oakland Library**

Applications are available at the West Oakland Public Library - 1801 Adeline Street, Oakland, CA 94607-2322. Please do not submit completed applications to this address.

**Online**

You can download an application by visiting The Maynard Institute for Journalism Education site - [www.mije.org](http://www.mije.org).

Application are also available at The Oakland Tribune site – [www.insidebayarea.com](http://www.insidebayarea.com). Search «West Oakland 'Voices' ready to be heard.»

**Email**

You may email your application to [OaklandVoices@gmail.com](mailto:OaklandVoices@gmail.com). Please clearly label your email «Oakland Voices Project Application.» Send MS Word or PDF documents only.

**US Mail**

Oakland Tribune - Oakland Voices Project  
C/O Martin G. Reynolds  
7677 Oakport St., Suite 950  
Oakland, CA 94621

**Fax**

You may fax your application to 510-208-6477, «Attention: Oakland Voices/Christopher Johnson,» or «Attention: Oakland Voices/Martin G. Reynolds.»

For information, contact Christopher Johnson  
Oakland Voices coordinator  
510-273-0210  
[OaklandVoices@gmail.com](mailto:OaklandVoices@gmail.com)

# APPLICATION

## PART 1: BASICS

First & Last Name:

Home address:

Home phone:

Cell phone:

Personal email address:

Work address:

Work phone:

Work email address:

Preferred Email Address: Work / Home

Preferred phone: Home / Work / Cell

Does your mobile phone have email &/or Internet access?: Y / N

Gender: M / F

Race / Ethnicity:

Do you have a driver's license?: Y / N

Do you have a car?: Y / N

## **PART 2: MORE ABOUT YOU**

### **A) Your story**

We want to know more about who you are. In 300 words, write us a few paragraphs that tell us things you want us to know about you. Please reply on a separate sheet of paper.

### **B) Interest, activities, organizations**

Please tell us what you like to do with your time - any groups or organizations to which you belong, and any activities you enjoy.

### **C) Education**

Please enter name of institution, dates of attendance (month and year), degree or diploma (including month and year awarded), and major. Also tell us about any specialty education or training (such as mechanic's certification, EMT training, or real estate licensing) you may have.

### **PART 3: THE ISSUES**

News is happening all the time, all around you. Sometimes, you see or hear about issues that you think deserve more media attention.

Here is your chance. On a separate sheet of paper, write **2 short stories** (250-300 words) about any topics - issues, events, or interesting people - that you think are news worthy. These stories should be about your community or neighborhood. They may affect you directly or personally. Please write one topic per story.

### **PART 4: TECHNOLOGY**

A) Do you use a computer? If so, what do you mainly use it for?

B) The Internet

- 1) Do you use the Internet? If you do, describe what you use the Internet for. Include online shopping, emailing, downloading music and movies.
  
- 2) Do you have a blog, or ever write comments on other blogs?
  
- 3) Do you have a Facebook or MySpace page?
  
- 4) Do you use Twitter?
  
- 5) What other online tools do you use, if any?

C) Technology

- 1) Do you use a digital still camera for taking pictures?
- 2) If you have a cell phone, do you ever use it to take pictures?
- 3) Do you use it to shoot video?
- 4) Do you use it to send and receive text messages?
- 5) Do you use a digital video camera?
- 6) Do you use any audio recorders?
- 7) Do you use an iPod or a similar digital music player?

Signature & Date \_\_\_\_\_