

APPLICATION DUE: FRIDAY, APRIL 15 (2:30 PM)

Please place applications in Mr. Andreuzzi's mailbox in the main office.

BASIC INFORMATION

Name: _____ HR Section: _____ HR teacher: _____

Email Address: _____

Home Phone Number: _____ Cell Phone Number: _____

English class and level: _____ Teacher: _____

What were your marking period grades in your last English class? _____

SECTION CHOICE

*Please rank the top 2 section choices for which you wish to write. The sections are **News, Opinion, Sports, and Features**. If you select **Sports**, specify 1 or 2 sports you consider your specialties. If you select **Features**, specify if you'd like to be a columnist for "You Know You Go to JPS When..."*

1. _____ 2. _____

SHORT ANSWER (PLEASE TYPE ANSWERS ON SEPARATE PAGE.)

1. Why are you interested in serving on the staff of *Hawkeye*?
2. List your activities (including sports, clubs, and jobs) and approximate time commitments per week.
How much time are you willing to dedicate to *Hawkeye*?
3. Describe one strength that will make you an asset to the staff.
4. Why do you enjoy writing?

STAFF WRITER ASSIGNMENT

List five unique article topics that you would like to cover as a writer for your top choice section.

SECTION ASSIGNMENTS

Please attach your section assignment to the end of this application. See reverse side for details.

SUPPLEMENTS

In addition, please attach a graded essay from a past English class to the end of this application.

If you have anything else you would like to add to this application (articles published in previous editions of *Hawkeye*, additional writing samples, graded assignments, etc.), you may attach it to the end of this application. Please make sure all materials are photocopies, as we cannot return originals.

SECTION ASSIGNMENTS

Complete the assignment for each section to which you are applying. Articles should be approximately 700 words and be stapled to the end of your application. They will be assessed on overall quality, the writer's demonstrated understanding of the type of writing required for each section, and style.

We ask only for the assignment for your first-choice section, but you may choose to do more if you wish.

News: Write an article describing a recent school event, competition, or fundraiser. (If you are freshman, you may describe a middle school event.) You may make up quotes, names, and facts.

Examples: a choir trip, a Model UN conference, Mr. JPS, Battle of the Classes, etc.

Opinion: Write an article expressing your opinion on a controversial issue. Be mindful of your audience and propose changes, improvements, or suggestions if necessary. Articles can be about your view on an issue confined to the walls of JP or high school in general, or any local, national, or global issue relevant to the student body.

Examples: club executive board elections, last year's outbreak of violence in Baltimore, etc.

Features: Write a quirky thematic or life article. Try to incorporate humor.

Examples: student life, current trends, etc.

Features' "You Know You Go To JP When" Columnist: Write 10 YKYGs. Be edgy, witty, and creative, but also be respectful.

Example: "You know you go to JP when your 'morning run' is the sprint to homeroom."

Sports: Write an article about a school sports team from any season. You may make up player names, quotes, scores, and dates. Be sure to focus on specific highlights from the season, such as important games, players, or events. Use appropriate sports terminology.

APPLICATION CHECKLIST

1. INFO & SHORT ANSWERS
2. SECTION ASSIGNMENT
3. SUPPLEMENT(S)

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS OR WISH TO SEE SAMPLES OF PREVIOUS HAWKEYE ISSUES, PLEASE EMAIL JPSHAWKEYE@GMAIL.COM OR VISIT JPSHAWKEYE.COM.

GOOD LUCK!