 JagWire Newspaper Application Form

Before you begin filling out this form, you must be sure that you meet the requirements of a member of the JagWire Newspaper Staff. The newspaper needs creative, goal-driven, involved students who are interested in seeing the publication of quality journalism.

You must meet the following requirements:

1. This is an elective course that you may take if you have a free period AFTER 2 periods of English, 2 possible periods of Math, Science, Social Studies, and either band, choir or P.E., (and Technology foundations for 8th graders).

2. You must maintain a B or higher in your core academic classes.

3. You must be capable of meeting deadlines (no exceptions).

4. You work well with a team and take responsibility seriously.

5. You can obtain a recommendation from your previous year’s English teacher.

Being a member of a team for a school publication is an honor. You must be willing to go the “extra mile” to make this newspaper a success. You must possess dedication and a level of sophistication that surpasses that of your classmates. Journalists are recorders of the truth; in order to report the truth, you must exude dignity, responsibility and integrity. With this in mind, if you are willing to make the school newspaper a priority in your extracurricular life, please fill out the information below.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Grade: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Previous English teacher’s name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Last Year Average in English:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

What activities would you most be interested in? Choose up to three.

News writing Editing Special features/sections Newspaper design/layout Editorial writing Sports writing Technology Other: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

In what extracurricular activities do you participate?\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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\*\*\*\*\*\*\*On a separate page, explain in AT LEAST 3 paragraphs specifically why you want to be a member of the JagWire Staff. Be sure to discuss why you would be an asset to the newspaper and the team. Also, discuss your strengths and weaknesses so that I will find a position that suits you and your talents. Please **TYPE** your paragraphs using correct grammar and punctuation and attach to this form. Feel free to be creative as possible when creating your application. **Creativity earns you extra consideration!**

**DEADLINE: Turn forms into Mrs. Barnes (A16) or email to** [rachel.barnes@dcsms.org](mailto:rachel.barnes@dcsms.org)

**no later than August 28th.**

**English Teacher Recommendation**

Upon completion, please return this form to Mrs. Barnes or put in box.

Please do not return this form to the student.

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

English Teacher’s Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Please rate this student in the following categories. Apply a score based on a scale of 1 to 10 with 10 being the highest rating of excellence and 1 being the lowest rating for poor.

Writing Skills \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Creativity \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Ability to meet assignment deadlines \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Behavior in Class \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Ability to work with others \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Attitude toward assignments \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Attendance \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Do you recommend this student for the rigors of building a school newspaper? Please explain.

What additional information may be of importance in choosing this student for the newspaper staff?