**Humor Writer**

**FALL 2017**

*Humor writers are expected to contribute one article a week, and they must be able to effectively communicate with their editor in order to maintain article deadlines. They are expected to propose their own satire and humorous ideas. All humor writers are required to attend a weekly Sunday staff meeting.*

*Prior journalism experience is by no means required! Ideal candidates will have strong writing and editing skills. They must have the ability to work accurately, independently and under a deadline. Flexibility and creativity are a must, and applicants must be reliable and self-motivated.*

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This is the humor section; funny/satirical articles about Whitman (or anything, really) are welcomed and encouraged.

Pleaseemail a word document with your responses to [wire@whitman.edu](mailto:wire@whitman.edu). Applications accepted on a rolling basis; final deadline is midnight on September 2nd.

Returning staff: Please fill out the contact/payroll information and answer the following questions **only**: Why do you want to continue working for *The Wire*, and/or what is a goal you have for the coming semester? Please list three article ideas for the section you’re applying for and provide links to your two best articles that have been published in *The Wire.*

Name:

Graduating year:

Phone number (cell preferred):

Email address:

(These questions are for payroll purposes only and will not affect your application.)

Whitman ID:

In-state: yes no

Work-study yes no

1. Why would you like to write for *The Wire*? Why are you interested in writing for humor?
2. Briefly describe previous writing experience.
3. Please describe your ability to meet deadlines and work under pressure.
4. What other activities will you be involved in this semester, and how much of a weekly time commitment are these activities? How much time are you willing to devote weekly to the humor section*?*
5. a. Come up with 5-10 “headlines” (i.e. The Onion) that you think are funny. For example: “NASA Launches Probe to Find, Destroy, Earth-Like Planet.” Follow up on one of these headlines and write a 300-500 word humor article.

b. Come up with three funny ideas the humor section could do next semester.