**COPY EDITOR**

**Spring 2021**

*The Wire* strives to produce professional, high-quality content for our readers each week. Yet as with any publication, spelling and grammar errors, typos and other glitches are bound to pop up, that’s where our eagle-eyed copy editors swoop in to save the day. Copy editors ensure the correct usage of Associated Press (AP) style throughout the paper, scour articles for clarity and readability, and are not afraid to make corrections others miss. The ideal candidates will be strong writers able to spot a run-on sentence, improper apostrophe or Oxford comma a mile away. Familiarity with AP style is recommended but not required.

*Note: just for fun, the above paragraph contains five common copy-editing mistakes. Find and highlight each one and note the problem.*

Pleaseemail a word document with your responses to [wire@whitman.edu](mailto:wire@whitman.edu). Applications are accepted on a rolling basis, but the **final deadline is** **midnight on Friday, January 29, 2021.**

Please keep in mind that staff training will be on **Sunday, February 7** and is mandatory. We are in the process of determining how training will be conducted.

***Returning copy editors:*** *Please only fill out the contact/payroll information and answer question 4, as well as answering: Why do you want to continue working for the Wire and what is a goal you have for the coming semester?*

Name:

Graduating year:

Phone number (cell preferred):

Email address:

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

WID:

In-state: yes no

Work-study yes no

1. Please describe in detail any prior editing or writing experience. Have you previously worked on a newspaper or similar publication? In what capacity?
2. Why are you interested in the copy editor position? What would make you a good choice for copy editor?
3. Are you familiar with AP style?
4. What other activities will you be involved in this semester? How much of a weekly time commitment would you be willing to make to *The Wire*?

Please attach a one to two-page sample of journalistic or academic writing.