

CAMPUS LIFE WRITER

Fall 2024

Campus Life writers work to keep the campus community informed about activities and events taking place on and around Whitman's campus. Their stories delve into arts and entertainment, including musical performances, theatrical productions and gallery exhibits. Campus Life writers should also follow (or at least be willing to cover) campus sports and athletic activities. Constantly attending shows, WEB events, and sports games? Campus Life is the section for you. Reporters should be curious and excited to develop connections throughout the community. Campus life reporters typically write one article per week.

Please email a document with your responses to wire@whitman.edu. **Applications are accepted on a rolling basis.**

We will provide more information on training once applications have been submitted.

Prior journalism experience is by no means required! Ideal candidates will have strong writing, researching and editing skills. They must have the ability to work accurately and independently under a deadline. Flexibility and creativity are a requirement, and applicants must be reliable and self-motivated. Writers are expected to contribute a minimum of one article a week, and they must be able to effectively communicate with their editor in order to maintain article deadlines.

Campus Life writers are expected to propose and research their own story ideas. All writers are required to attend a weekly Sunday staff meeting at 5 p.m.

In addition to completing the following application form, applicants must provide a writing sample.

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Returning writers/columnists: *You do not need to include a writing sample. Please only fill out the contact/payroll information and answer question 1, as well as what's below: Why do you want to continue working for the Wire and what is a goal you have for the coming semester? Please list two 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 Campus Life?
2. Please describe previous journalism and/or writing experience.
3. Please describe your ability to meet deadlines and work under pressure.
4. Please provide short descriptions for two article ideas you would propose and write for the Campus Life section. In these descriptions, you should try to justify the existence and importance of the topic you have chosen to cover, as well as listing potential interviewees. Please describe any photography, video or multimedia experience that you would like to include with the piece.

Please attach a sample of journalistic writing to this application, no longer than two pages double-spaced. If you do not have previous journalism experience, an academic or creative writing sample will suffice.