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MOUNT HOLYOKE NEWS

APPLICATION

Thank you for your interest in joining *The Mount Holyoke News*. We are currently looking to fill our openings with dedicated and dynamic women. To apply, complete this application and attach a writing sample by April 11th, and return it to 324 Blanchard. If you have any questions, please e-mail Amanda Aultman (aultm20a) or Katelyn Frick (frick20k). Descriptions of the positions can be found on the back of this page. Feel free to type answers on additional pages/please write in your best handwriting.

Name: _____ Class Year: _____

e-mail: _____ Phone: _____

P.O. Box: _____ Major: _____

1. Sections/Positions you are applying for – indicate as many as you would like. You will be considered for these positions first, but may also be considered for other openings.
2. Please elaborate on any pertinent experience you have for the position(s) to which you are applying. List any experience with *The Mount Holyoke News* first. Feel free to include experience in high school or outside college. While experience will be considered during the selection process, it is not required.
3. Joining *The Mount Holyoke News* is a substantial time commitment; positions will demand 10-15 hours per week. What are your other large time commitments for next year that might interfere with your commitment to *The News*? (SGA, sports team, thesis, more than 16 credits)
4. Finally, why do you want to join *The Mount Holyoke News*? Please elaborate on any goals you have for a specific section, ideas you would like to incorporate, skills you hope to acquire, etc.

Positions

All sections can have an editor and assistant editor, or two co-editors. At the discretion of the section editor, however, an assistant might not be needed. Please state your preference for editor, assistant or both in your application.

News — This is a great section to join if you want to know what is going on and meet the people in charge. Stories will often require you to meet with administration members or tackle sensitive subjects. As a News editor, you will need to remain apprised of all happenings on campus. This section requires one of the largest time commitments.

Opinions/Editorials — Like many opinion pages, we welcome submission from a variety of community members. The editor position will require you to recruit some consistent section writers, but also encourage submissions to ensure a variety of voices are heard on the pages of Op/Ed.

Features — The self-proclaimed “lighter side of the paper,” Features runs general human-interest stories. The editor will not only ensure writers for columns, but also continually seek out new, interesting story ideas about members of the Mount Holyoke community.

Arts & Entertainment — A&E is what the title says, covering all forms of arts and entertainment. We cover not only campus events, but also happenings as far away as Boston. An A&E editor must explore a variety of forms of entertainment and depict a broad variety of media within her pages.

Perspectives — Perspectives aims to enhance the global understanding of the campus. Articles regularly feature students’ stories about issues in their own country, cultural events, or experiences immersed in another culture. Editors not only regularly contribute with stories on campus cultural events, but also reach out to cultural organizations on campus to facilitate a variety of cultures and voices represented.

Health & Science – This section runs every other week. Articles found in this section cover anything from recent scientific studies and findings and health issues pertinent to the campus community that are both educational and provocative.

Sports — Fairly self-explanatory, Sports generally covers campus varsity and occasionally club sports. The sports editor should enjoy athletics and have a general knowledge of sports and terminology.

Photography Editor — Every week, every section will request photos for the upcoming issues. It is the job of the photo editor to maintain a staff of photographers to accommodate those requests, often taking many photos herself. The photo editor will then process these photos and place them on the pages (we are entirely digital).

Graphics Editor — Like photographs, section editors will also make graphics requests, which the graphics editor will then create and run in the paper. Thus, it is imperative that the graphics editor has a great deal of artistic talent. The graphics editor is also responsible for creating and maintaining the weekly comic.

Web Editors — These positions are fairly new, and are responsible for the content and design of the MHN website, themhnews.com. Web editors should have a good knowledge of web site management and be able to upload the paper’s content every week, as well as upload special web-only features throughout the week.