**JSU Writers Bowl 2024 Essay Competition**

Any student who will be competing on a JSU Writers Bowl team may enter an essay in this competition. NO ELECTRONIC SUBMISSIONS.

The student should write an essay according to the following criteria.

1. The essay should be 500-700 words, typed and double-spaced.

1. The essay should be the student’s original work. Any use of outside sources must be documented according to current MLA guidelines.

1. The essay must be written about the following topic:

**What are the ethical obligations of journalists and media outlets to provide accurate, fair, and balanced information?  What are the potential consequences of a failure to uphold these standards?**

Please attach a copy of the form below to each competing essay. For fairness in judging, please be certain that the name of the student appears nowhere on or within the essay itself. Essays must be submitted to Susan Hurst, 215 Stone Center, 256-782-5411, hurst@jsu.edu by October 23, 2024, in order to be entered in the competition.

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Student’s Name:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Essay Title:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

School:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

I verify that this is my own work and that I was not assisted in any way in writing this essay. I give permission for possible posting of my essay on the Writers Bowl website.

Student’s Signature:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

I verify that, to the best of my knowledge, this is the student’s own work, written independently.

Sponsor’s Signature:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_