

**Jane Austen Society of North America (JASNA) Essay Contest**  
*(Information disponible seulement en Anglais)*

JASNA conducts an annual student Essay Contest to foster the study and appreciation of Jane Austen's work. Several hundred students compete for scholarship awards each year.

**Deadline: June 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2019;**

**Amount: \$250-\$1,000;**

**Eligibility Criteria:**

- High school: students and home-schooled students enrolled at the high school level during the contest year;
- College/University: students enrolled in at least six credit hours of course work at a junior college, or university during the contest year;
- Graduate School: students enrolled during the contest year in at least three credit hours of graduate course work at a college or university leading to an advanced degree.

**Application Essay Topic:**

- In honor of the 200th anniversary of Jane Austen's novel *Northanger Abbey*, we welcome essays on following topic:
  - *Northanger Abbey* can be described as a book about books. There is, of course, the well-known "defense of the novel," but characters also discuss their reading habits, name specific novels, and even consider history books. In her works, Austen often makes use of fiction, poetry or plays, either explicitly or indirectly. Explore how she does this in *Northanger Abbey*.

**Application Process:**

- The student must complete the official online entry form, which includes a stipulation that the essay is the student's original work and has not been published elsewhere;
- Entries may include a statement about the student's mentor; however, a mentor statement is not required;
- Entries must be submitted before midnight PDT on the published deadline date;
- Contest judging is conducted anonymously. Personal information about the student, school, and mentor must appear ONLY on the entry form and not in the essay. Make sure your software does not automatically put your name on each page;

- Your essay and the entry form must be uploaded to the Essay Contest Submission site. If you have difficulties, please contact Meg Levin at [essay-contest@jasna.org](mailto:essay-contest@jasna.org).
- Entries MUST address the current essay contest topic or they will not be considered;
- Entries must be submitted by the student through the official Essay Contest Submission website (the link can be found on the website, which can be accessed through the link below)

For more information pertaining to this scholarship, the application process, and to access the application form, please refer to the email below:

<http://www.jasna.org/programs/essay-contest/>