

THE MANEATER

CREATE YOUR OWN COLUMN

Please return completed applications to Nassim Benchaabane in G216 Student Center or by email to nssmben@gmail.com, by 3 p.m. on Sunday, December 4.

JOB DESCRIPTION

Columnists are responsible for producing one approximately 600-word opinion piece to appear in The Maneater's Forum section each week. Columns should be well researched, identifiable with readers, and have a concrete point. Columns are due by 9 p.m. two days prior to publication. Hired columnists also must provide three backup columns to be published at any date. The editorial board will collectively determine decisions regarding the hiring of columnists.

This application is intended to provide a platform for you to define your own column theme and determine your own future as a columnist. The possibilities are endless: make readers laugh, ponder the meaning of life, rave about how the latest Facebook application will change social communication, or advocate for social change. Here are some potential suggestions:

- Science/Technology
- Ecology/Sustainability
- Human rights/ diversity
- Religion/ Spirituality/Philosophy
- Global/ Foreign issues
- LGBTQA issues/politics
- Advice
- Humor/Pop Culture

For sports and political columns please contact the Sports and City, State and Nation editors.

QUESTIONS

1. Will your column have a theme? If so, what made you choose this theme? If not, why does your column need no theme? How would you help readers identify with the opinions in your column?
2. Why does MU need your column?
3. Complete the quote: An average MU student would identify your column by saying, "Oh yeah, that's the one that..." or "I read that and then..."
4. What topics would you not touch with a ten-foot pole?
5. How do you balance being edgy and fun to read without crossing the line? Is there a line to cross?
6. You'd be writing one column each week for the entire semester. How do you keep coming up with issues/topics to write about without running dry?
7. Do you have any interests or areas of expertise? How might these be incorporated in column?
8. What's the most challenging thing about writing a column? The easiest?

9. Pick either your favorite animal or favorite food. Now, write a short poem about it.
10. What's your most unique characteristic? How will it shape your column?

ATTACHMENTS

1. Your name, e-mail address and telephone number
2. Two sample columns, about 600 words in length
3. A short paragraph about you, including, but not limited to, your year, major(s) and why you decided to be a columnist for The Maneater

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