



**APPLICATION FOR  
EDITORIAL POSITION '10-'11**

MARCH 9, 2010

Thank you for applying to be an *Inklings* editor for the 2010-11 school year. Having a position on the staff, no matter how seemingly insignificant or in the grand scheme of the paper, requires an incredible amount of determination and effort. If they expect to be accepted onto the staff next year, all applicants should expect to be held to the highest of standards straight through April.

While our staff's structure has worked well this year, we collectively feel as if some significant changes need to be made to how *Inklings* is organized. Next year should be the beginning of a new phase in the history of this organization.

For too long, many staffers have shown an unhealthy obsession with where and how their names appear on the masthead. This is harmful both for the organization's growth and staff unity. We unequivocally believe that each member of the staff— from the youngest freshman writer to a senior editor — is equally indispensable. As such, we have decided to replace the three editors-in-chief with two executive editors. Eliminating the elitist term "chiefs" should serve as a sign that the managing editors and page editors are just as important to the staff's operation

The executive editors will be in charge of leading the organization's overall editorial direction, similar to the role of the editors-in-chief this year. The management of every part of *Inklings*—the web and video included—is ultimately their responsibility. We also feel as if the position of web editor-in-chief is obsolete and could potentially lead to further alienation of the web staff from the rest of the organization. The web is as much *Inklings* as is the print paper. In the future, the web managing editor will be in charge of the day-to-day operation of *inklingsnews.com*. Editorial responsibility for the web, however, will lie with the executive editors.

Another new position is equally important to this organization's future. Being of the opinion that good writing is just as vital to our success as good layout, we have decided to appoint two senior writers to the staff next year in an effort to encourage award-winning writing and provide in-depth coverage of stories where we haven't been able to do so before. Don't think it is any less legitimate than a page editing position— in the near future, we intend for senior writers to lead the staff as much as those who have laid out a page.

We want a cooperative atmosphere at *Inklings*, not a cutthroat competition. As such, when deciding what positions interest you, don't feel pressed to pick the most "important" or "prestigious" option. Pick what you would do best. Remember: positions will not be chosen by how hard applicants have worked or how hard they've tried to impress, but rather who is best suited for each job.

Thanks for your hard work, and best of luck next year-

Victor Hollenberg  
Lexi Preiser  
Grace Shay

Lila Epstein  
Natasha Gabbay  
Alex Nitkin



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### Editorial Positions

Please consult the *Inklings* Handbook for more detail.

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|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Executive Editor (2)              | Senior Writer (2)              |
| Managing Editor (2)               | Web Managing Editor (1)        |
| News Page Editor (4)              | Sports Page Editor (4)         |
| Opinions Page Editor (4)          | Features Page Editor (4)       |
| Arts and Entertainment Editor (4) | Graphics and Design Editor (2) |
| Photography Editor (1)            | Video Editor (2)               |
| Business Manager (1)*             | Web News Editor (2)            |
| Web Sports Editor (2)             | Web Opinions Editor (2)        |
| Web A&E Editor (2)                | Copy Editor (2)*               |
| Web Features Editor (2)           | Webmaster (1)                  |

\*Position does not require enrollment in the Advanced Journalism course. Enrollment is still highly recommended. Enrollment for all other positions is mandatory.

Please list the positions you are applying for in order of preference.

- 1) \_\_\_\_\_
- 2) \_\_\_\_\_
- 3) \_\_\_\_\_

Briefly describe previous *Inklings* or journalism experience you have had (articles, photography, graphics, video production, former positions).

Please describe the time commitment you are willing and able to put forth in fulfilling your commitment to the paper. In what other **clubs/activities** are you going to participate? Please be thorough and specific.

In the space below or on a separate sheet of paper, discuss what you will bring to the paper/position, and what your ideas are for that role next year.

This application is an agreement that I will make a commitment to *Inklings*. I will be responsible for upholding the *Inklings* Code of Ethics, as described in the staff manual, as well as obeying all school rules as they pertain to conduct, citizenship, and extra-curricular activities.

I agree to dedicate myself to the publication and the other staff members to produce a newspaper of the highest quality possible. I understand that failure to put forth the requisite time commitment that my position demands, as outlined in the staff manual, may result in my removal from the staff.

Applicant's signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_