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## Section Editor Application

**This application is due to [mmcmullen@alligator.org](mailto:mmcmullen@alligator.org) by 6 p.m. Friday, April 27.**

### Positions available include:

- **University Editor:** The university editor is responsible for assigning and editing stories that focus on the University of Florida. The editor is in charge of the UF administration reporter, the Student Government reporter and a general assignment reporter, as well as any contributing writers interested in covering campus topics. Stories assigned and edited should range from daily stories to enterprise stories.
- **Metro Editor:** The metro editor is responsible for assigning and editing stories that focus on the city of Gainesville, Alachua County and Santa Fe College. The editor is in charge of the Gainesville commission reporter, the crime reporter and a general assignment reporter, as well as any contributing writers interested in covering local topics. Stories assigned and edited should range from daily stories to enterprise stories.
- **Freelance Editor:** The freelance editor is responsible for assisting the university and metro editors with editing stories and working with writers throughout the day to ensure that all stories are edited. The editor is also responsible for assisting with any aspect of news coverage or newsroom work that is needed. The editor is also responsible for utilizing the on-campus space when necessary.
- **Investigative Editor:** The investigative editor is a new position at the Alligator. The editor will handle longer features and in-depth projects by working with an investigative reporter or other reporters to produce weekly and monthly stories to apply anything from data and graphics and explore stories ranging from human interest to politics. This role will require someone who is a self-starter and someone who can find ways to tell the “why” behind stories.
- **Photo Editor:** The photo editor is responsible for working with photographers and videographers to provide multimedia content for the newspaper and the Alligator website. The editor is responsible for producing some media content, while assigning daily and enterprise photography and video assignments for staff photographers and videographers.
- **Opinions Editor:** The opinions editor is responsible for maintaining the opinions section of the Alligator, choosing columnists and cartoonists to work for the section as well as editing any work that is sent in. The opinions editor is also responsible for consulting with the editor in chief and managing editors and writing daily editorials for the paper.
- **Avenue Editor:** The avenue editor is responsible for maintaining the Avenue section of the Alligator, a weekly section that focuses on entertainment, food,

fashion and music. The editor is responsible for assigning and editing stories for the section and working with contributing writers.

- **Copy Desk Chief:** Copy desk chiefs are responsible for running copy desk and selecting and working with copy editors. Copy desk chiefs are in charge of proofreading every story with copy editors to check for fact errors, grammar and AP style. *Prior experience on copy desk preferred.*

**Name:**

**Year / major:**

**Phone:**

**E-mail:**

**Applying for:**

**What experience do you have that would make you good for this position? What journalism classes have you taken so far?**

**How do you plan to improve coverage of your section? Give a few examples of what you would like to change and how you plan on making those changes. If you are applying to be copy desk chief, please give examples how you would modify the copy editing process, hiring copy editors, or any other aspect of the position.**

**List and explain at least three daily story ideas you would assign as an editor. If you are applying to be university, metro or freelance editor, please list three additional enterprise story ideas. If you are applying to be copy desk chief, please list three story ideas and changes you would suggest to the newsroom. If you're applying to be the investigative editor, please list three in-depth projects you would like to explore and how you would best tell it:**

**Why do you want this position?**

**The Alligator is shifting from a daily paper to printing three days a week; however, we will still publish online daily as we transition to a digital-first student paper. This means breaking news will be posted as soon as it's ready, any time of the day. Please briefly explain how, for the position/s you are applying for, you hope to implement the transition to digital-first in your role.**

**How would you improve the Alligator's approach to breaking news coverage?**

**What campus activities do you take part in? Please list any potential conflicts of interest, including Student Government positions, Greek membership and/or clubs.**

**Please attach your resume and any clips to this application.**