



WASHINGTON JOURNAL OF ENVIRONMENTAL LAW & POLICY

SECOND-YEAR STUDENT WRITE-ON INSTRUCTIONS 2015-16

Each year, the *Washington Journal of Environmental Law & Policy* accepts a handful of second-year students through a fall application process and a winter competition. These processes are meant to supplement the yearly spring Melissa S. Landers Write-on Competition, which is how we select the majority of our members. Eligible students who choose to apply for membership in the fall quarter of their second year may submit an application including a writing sample and a letter of interest on a rolling basis. Those who choose to compete for membership in the winter must submit their materials according to competition rules.

Eligibility. All second-year law students who are not currently on a journal, and who have never turned down a membership offer from another UW journal, are eligible to apply for membership. Third-year students in joint degree programs, LL.M. students, and Ph.D. candidates are also encouraged to apply.

Responsibilities of Membership. Joining a journal is an enriching experience; it is also challenging and time consuming. *Journal* members are required to serve through the end of their 3L year. Each member must complete a piece of writing that meets our publishing criteria, perform all editorial staff assignments in a competent and timely manner, and log at least 180 hours of *Journal* related work. Those who meet these requirements shall be awarded a certificate of membership. All members may earn up to eight academic credits (E600) for editorial work at the rate of one credit per sixty hours of completed work. Members can also receive advanced writing credit for their publishable writings. For more information, we encourage you to talk with your classmates about their journal experiences and responsibilities.

Fall Quarter Write-On Application Process

The *Journal* accepts direct applications for membership anytime between September 1 and December 31 each year. Submissions must include a writing sample, cover sheet, and a letters of interest. Submissions are to be emailed to Academic Services (mylaw@uw.edu) to ensure anonymity. Select applicants will be asked to submit a resume and invited for an interview with the executive editorial team. Additional parameters for submission materials are included below and apply to both the application and competition processes equally.

Marian Gould Gallagher Second-Year Student Writing Competition

The *Washington Law Review*, the *Washington Journal of International Law*, and the *Washington Journal of Environmental Law & Policy* collaborate to accept competition submissions in January of each year. Submissions must include a writing sample, a cover sheet, and a letters of interest. This year's submission deadline is January 27, 2015 at 5:00 p.m. PST. Applicants will receive membership offers based on the writing sample and letter of interest alone. No interview will be conducted.

Additional Submission Information

Cover Sheet. Please include in your submission a cover sheet with your name, address, telephone number, email address, and the name of the journal to which you are applying. This should be attached to the email as a separate document.

Writing Sample. A writing sample should demonstrate the applicant's research, writing and analytical skills. A writing sample may be a legal memorandum, a paper for a class, or the beginnings of a student comment. We highly encourage students to submit a comment, even if it is in early stages of drafting. A student comment analyzes a specific area of law or policy in which there have been recent and significant changes, or in which an important issue remains unresolved. Papers submitted will preferably address issues of environmental law, though this is not required. Writing samples must be between eight to fifteen pages, double-spaced (samples may be excerpted from longer papers). Successful samples will be well organized and fully analyze the topic; footnotes should include full cites to sources and be in Bluebook form. Please do not place your name anywhere on this document.

Letter of Interest. A letter of interest should discuss the applicant's prior experience or interest in writing and editing, collaborative abilities, communication skills, and a desire to work as a member of a close-knit organization. Please do not surpass two typed, double-spaced pages. Please do not place your name anywhere on this document.

For the January competition, you must submit your materials to Academic Services no later than Wednesday, January 27, 2016 at 5:00 p.m. All documents must be attached as separate Microsoft Word documents.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Bridgette Cooper by emailing cooperbj@uw.edu. To preserve the integrity and fairness of the competition, please do not contact other members of the *Journal* with questions about either write-on process.