

Jane Austen Society of North America

2021 Essay Contest

Students may enter the contest in one of three categories: high school, undergraduate, and graduate school.

Our essay topic relates to the theme of our 2021 Annual General Meeting: Jane Austen in the Arts. We are casting a broad net, including fine arts, performance arts, decorative arts, and crafts.

*Jane Austen played the piano, embroidered, and attended art exhibits and the theater. The arts also played a role in her novels. In your essay, discuss how Austen uses the arts, whether to reveal character, address social standing, advance the plot, or otherwise make a point. **High school students**, you may discuss her use of the arts in just one of her novels, though you are welcome to refer to more. **Undergraduate and graduate students**, you must discuss Austen's use of the arts in more than one novel. You may use the same art form in each or contrast different arts.*



First-, second-, and third-place prizes will be awarded in each category.

Awards:

- Cash scholarships ranging from \$250 to \$1,000.
- One year of free membership in JASNA.
- Publication of the winning essays on the JASNA website.
- First place winners receive free registration and two nights' lodging for our 2021 Annual General Meeting in Chicago, Illinois, October 15 to 17.

Entry Deadline: Tuesday, June 1, 2021.

Details/How to Enter: It is **essential** that you visit the Essay Contest Page at <http://www.jasna.org/programs/essay-contest/> for rules and eligibility.

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