

Jane Austen Society of North America 2017 Essay Contest

Essay Contest Topic: On the occasion of the 200th anniversary of Jane Austen's death, JASNA is looking for short essays that address the following questions:

“Imagine that you are adapting an Austen novel for stage or film. What elements might you be tempted to change – especially for a modern audience – that should not be tampered with if the integrity of the work is to be preserved? These elements could be scenes, characters, dialogue or something else. Explain why they are so crucial to the novel. How does what can and cannot be changed shed light on Austen's popularity and influence?”

Who Is Eligible: Students at the high school, college and graduate levels.

Awards: Judges select first-, second-, and third-place winners in each of the three divisions. Winners will receive:



- Cash scholarships ranging from \$250 to \$1,000
- Paid registration and two-nights' lodging for the JASNA Annual General Meeting in Huntington Beach CA, October 6-8 (first place only)
- One-year free membership in JASNA
- Publication of the winning essays on the JASNA website.

Entry Deadline: May 21, 2017

For Details/How to Enter: Visit the Essay Contest page at www.jasna.org