

2024 JASNA Essay Contest



If you have ever attended a formal debate you know that both sides of a “resolution” are presented, giving everyone an intellectual workout. Here’s yours:

Resolved: That Jane Austen’s novels are still relevant and speak to us after 200 years.

In the first part of the essay you should attack this claim; in the second part defend it. You will be expected to back up each position with quotations and examples from Austen’s works.

- **High School Students:** Cite at least one Austen novel.
- **Undergraduate and Graduate Students:** Cite at least two Austen novels. Citing Austen’s unfinished works is also permitted.

Awards for Winners

Open to
High School,
College, &
Graduate School
Students

1st-, 2nd- and 3rd-place winners in each category receive:

- Cash scholarships ranging from \$250 to \$1,000.
- One year of free membership in JASNA.
- Publication of the winning essays on JASNA's website.
- First-place winners also receive free registration and two nights' lodging for our 2024 Annual General Meeting in Cleveland, OH, October 18-20.

Entry Deadline
June 1, 2024

Details/How to Enter

It is **essential** that you visit the Essay Contest webpage to learn about format, length, eligibility, etc.

jasna.org/programs/essay-contest