

To Whom It May Concern:

I intend to take my journalism and yearbook students on a trip to the annual Journalism Education Association's Conference in Nashville, TN. We've been lucky enough to have generous donors already committed to funding much of our trip. The overall cost of the trip will be \$7,811. Our airfare is being paid for out of a voucher that we received during Covid for a trip that we had to cancel. We will be staying at the Westin Crown Center which is the convention hotel. We'll be taking a couple of vans from the airport to the hotel. The convention offers up many educational opportunities including classes in photography, writing, press law, and design/layout. As a new adviser for the yearbook class, I'm looking forward to taking classes on yearbook along with my students.

One of the opportunities that I have the students take part in is the Write-off competition. These contests test the students abilities in writing, photography, and design/layout. Each year our students compete against schools from all over the country. Each year they win. It has been a very rewarding experience for all of us.

The trip is scheduled for April 4, 2024 through April 6, 2024. We'll begin by going to the Key Note Address on Thursday night. We'll attend classes all day Friday as well as taking part in the Write-off. We'll wrap up on Saturday with some classes and an award ceremony before we fly home in the evening. It'll be a whirlwind of activities before it's all done.

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