2018 HOLLE MEDIA WRITING AWARD

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSIONS: Feb. 5, 2018

$10,000 PRIZE __________________________________________________________

COMPETITION GUIDELINES

The writer must be an undergraduate or graduate student at The University of Alabama during the 2017-2018 academic year. All academic majors qualify.

Students must submit three single-authored news stories, and each story must be at least 800 words in length. Though "news" is not defined here in a specific way, it is expected that a news story will be non-fiction and will reflect topics and issues that are relevant to society. Stories may be enterprise reporting, feature stories or sports stories. Stories may be class assignments or assignments for campus media, internships, jobs or freelance jobs. Stories must have been written while the applicant was a student at UA.

To be considered, each story must include at least three sources, and contact information for all sources must be provided. Also, single-author bylines must be clearly visible.

Each author must submit three printed hard copies of each of the three stories along with the submission form to Tisch Student Services, Reese Phifer 190. Submissions must also be emailed to Lars Anderson at lranderson1@ua.edu. The submission form is available at cis.ua.edu. Entries must be accompanied by a cover letter in which the author explains for judges (a) the importance of the stories for the intended readership, (b) any noteworthy information concerning the reporting process, such as time spent and sources consulted, (c) and, if published, any readership or community reaction to the pieces.

Late entries will not be accepted. Deadline for submissions is Monday, Feb. 5th by 4 p.m.

CRITERIA FOR JUDGING

- Quality of writing and story organization
- Reporting depth
- Originality
- Clarity and understandability
- The story's potential for impact