

## Jags Journal Application

Please complete this application and submit it to your English teacher (entering 9<sup>th</sup> graders) or to Mr. Wall (current Kimball students). Before filling out the form, in order to qualify for journalism, **you need to have earned a B or higher in your last two semesters of English.**

Kimball's Jags Journal is a weekly online publication. We write about topics concerning the Kimball community as well as events happening in the broader world. Journalism is a class that requires substantial amounts of writing. In order to succeed in this class, you will need to be able to meet deadlines, work with others, and be willing to tackle issues in which you have interest.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Current Grade Level \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Current English Teacher's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Fall English Grade \_\_\_\_\_ Spring English Grade (expected) \_\_\_\_\_

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Please respond to the following questions. If you do not have enough space, please use a separate lined piece of paper.

1. Explain why you want to be a part of Jags Journal.

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2. What will you bring to the program? What interests do you have that you want to share with the Kimball community?

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3. Share a time you had to work on a team for a project. What role did you have? Were you successful in the role? Explain. What could your group have done better?

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4. What is your biggest weakness as a student? Explain. What are you doing to work on this weakness?

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5. What is a current topic that interests you? Explain the topic and what about the topic you would like to explore if you could write about it.

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6. What do you think your English teacher would say about you as a student and as a writer? How would your English teacher describe your knowledge of current events and the world around you?

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## **Confidential**

### Jags Journal English Teacher Recommendation Form

Please return this form to Tim Wall at Kimball High School or email to twall@tusd.net.

English Teacher's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Student's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Please rate the student requesting a recommendation in the following categories. Please use a scale of 1-10 where a 10 is the highest the student can earn and a 1 is the lowest.

Writing skills \_\_\_\_\_

Creativity \_\_\_\_\_

Turns work in on time \_\_\_\_\_

Classroom behavior \_\_\_\_\_

Ability to work with others \_\_\_\_\_

Do you recommend this student for Jags Journal? Please explain your reasoning.

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What, if any, additional information do you believe I should know when considering this student's application?

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