

2019-2020 EL GATO Application Submission:

a.k.a. "Writing for Publication"

Deadline for

Friday, March 1, 2019

Name: _____

Grade next year: 10 11 12

I. Your English teachers—those you have had at LGHS

* Your 5th period teacher & rm #: _____

* Your 6th period teacher & rm #: _____

Please provide a picture of yourself

II. Classes & Grades—list your classes & grades from the last two semesters

Last Semester

Spring Semester Last Year

III. Possible Fall 2018 schedule—list your expected class schedule for next semester; also note extra-curricular activities/jobs in which you will participate

classes:

extra-curricular (sports, job, volunteering):

Do you/will you have a job? _____

IV. Related experience (4-point scale with 1=none, 4=expert)

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| A. | Rank your experience with Mac Computers/Google Drive Apps: | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| B. | Rank your experience with word processing on a computer: | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| C. | Rank your experience with InDesign or Photoshop: | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| D. | Rank your experience with a digital camera/video: | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| E. | Rank your experience in the areas of journalism, reporting, | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |

interviewing, and/or newspaper production?
Comment on/Explain any of the above:

F. What experience do you have in leadership positions, working with people, or student-run activities?

G. Have you applied to be a member of El Gato before? If so, when? _____

V. Writing

A. Write a *business-formatted letter of intent* of any length addressed to the *El Gato* staff:

* explain why you want to join the class

* explain in broader terms what you can contribute to the staff and newspaper

B. Complete the following news writing exercise:

Research, interview for, and write a news brief about a current, real event that is going on now at **LGHS**. You may choose ANY topic that illustrates your ability to *get the facts* and write about them. Consider topics students want to read. Pretend your article will be printed in the March edition of the newspaper. It may help to find an event related to an interest of yours.

A news brief, for our purposes here, is a *short*, 200 to 300-word, factual summary designed to read quickly, succinctly, and accurately. It does not have space to waste words. It is good to include a quotation from an authoritative source. It is a news blurb, not a full news story, and is not opinionated in any fashion. You might want to **look at *El Gato* or professional newspapers for insight.**

*Thank you for your interest in El Gato! Deadline to apply: **March 1, 2019***

***Submit this application & your news brief in person to Mr. Garrett in room 506.
Please introduce yourself!***

Applications will be reviewed and interviews scheduled in the coming weeks. We will be contacting you.

The 2019-20 *El Gato* staff will be announced by the end of March.