

Thank you for your interest in writing a column for the summer of 2015. Opinion columnists can become among the most recognizable contributors at The Hoya, and their commentary plays an important role in campus dialogue.

A successful column approaches a broad topic through the columnist's unique angle. Past columns have commonly focused on religion, politics or student life, but applicants should not limit themselves to those areas. Columnists are responsible for writing one column every two weeks, and it is critical that applicants be able to commit to writing at this uninterrupted frequency.

All opinion columnists over the summer will be published on Chatter, The Hoya's online opinion page. Chatter columns are between 400 and 600 words in length and are very flexible in style.

The deadline for columnist applications is Thursday, May 21st at 11:59 p.m. Please submit all materials to Daniel Almeida, Opinion Editor, at <u>opinion@thehoya.com</u>.

Application Elements

Sample Columns

Please attach one sample column that represents the theme of the column you hope to write throughout the semester. The column should be between 400 and 600 words in length. The column may function as the first one that will run, so keep in mind that it may be published. Also give your column a tentative title.

Cover Letter

Please include a short cover letter of no more than 500 words that describes any other time commitments that you may have during the summer and how often you plan on writing. Please also include at least three additional column topics. The cover letter should also include your name, school and year.