

Jane Austen Society of North America

2019 Essay Contest

In honor of the 200th anniversary of Jane Austen's *Northanger Abbey*, we welcome essays on the following:

Northanger Abbey can be described as a book about books. There is, of course, the well-known "defense of the novel," but characters also discuss their reading habits, name specific novels and even consider history books. In her works, Austen often makes use of fiction, poetry or plays, either explicitly or indirectly. Explore how she does this in Northanger Abbey. Depending on your division, you may need to bring in one or more other novels as well. Check the essay contest website for more detailed instructions for content, format and submission.



Abbey Gatehouse where Jane Austen attended school

This contest is open to high school, undergraduate and graduate students. First-, second- and third-place prizes will be awarded in each category.

Awards:

- Cash scholarships ranging from \$250 to \$1,000.
- One year of free membership in JASNA.
- Publication of the winning essays on the JASNA website.
- First place winners receive free registration and two nights' lodging for our Annual General Meeting in Williamsburg, Virginia October 4-6.

Entry Deadline: Monday, June 3, 2019

Details/How to Enter: It is *essential* that you visit the Essay Contest Page at <http://www.jasna.org/programs/essay-contest/> for rules and eligibility requirements.

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