

## Central Literary Magazine Editor Application

The Central Magnet literary magazine, *Little Magnolia*, was first published in the 2016-17 school year. Our goal as an organization is to promote the excellent writing of Central's student body and to encourage students to share their work with their peers.

As an editor for the literary magazine, you would review pieces submitted by Central students and teachers, make comments, suggest revisions, and ultimately decide whether or not each piece should be accepted into the magazine. You would be expected to attend most meetings and fulfill your duties. Editors meet every two weeks during a lunch period and occasionally outside of school. Reviewing the pieces in your genre is done outside of school on your schedule.

Those interested in applying must be rising juniors or seniors in the 2018-2019 school year. As part of the application, we ask that you respond thoughtfully to the questions at the end of the page, which will help us determine your eligibility for the position.

Please type your responses to the following questions on a document titled, "*Little Magnolia* Editor Application" and include your name, graduation year, email, and phone number. Applications must be submitted to Ms. Morris by **Friday, April 6<sup>th</sup> 2018**.

**1.** In no more than one page, discuss your motivations for applying to *Little Magnolia*. Why are you interested in becoming a part of the literary magazine? Please list relevant skills/experiences you have had that would qualify you for this position.

**2.** Carefully read the following writing sample. As a magazine editor, would you accept the following piece for *Little Magnolia* and why? In your opinion, what are its strengths and weaknesses? Please use up to 250 words (half a page) for your response.

"Danny Smith" by Student Writer

I can't get Danny Smith off my mind...

He was a good-looking kid. Well-mannered, soft-spoken, just an overall good kid. Only twenty-four years old. Six months ago he hired me to find his birth parents. You see, he was adopted, had great parents, but he wanted to know his roots. There was something familiar looking about him, made me think I had seen him before. The reason for that was his birth dad turned out to be Sam Lombardo, top guy in the Boston Mob. It didn't take me too long to find

that out. It turns out Lombardo had a one-night fling with a dancer, never knew he had this other son. When I told him about Danny, he told me what he would do to me if this kid ever bothered him.

That was six months ago.

Two weeks ago I heard Lombardo was on his death bed, dying of congestive heart failure, and word was he was going down fast. His goons brought me to to see him. Lombardo wanted to know about Danny. I thought he just wanted to make peace with his son before he died.

A week ago Danny's parents called me. They were frantic. Danny had disappeared. They had no idea where he was.

Three days ago I heard through the grapevine that Lombardo had found a heart donor. A good match, too. Transplant looks like it's going to be a success.

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