

# House Tournament Rules

April 20<sup>th</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup>, 2026



# 2024-2025 House Champions:

## The Schaeffer House





## **The Judson House System**



## **College Tournament is**



the

final House competition between the five Houses: Elliott, Liele, Fuller, Schaeffer, and Brainerd. Each House has been competing for the entire 2025-2026 school year for the grand prize and first place title. The competitions culminate in the House Tournament, which is a week-long event.

The tournament starts on a Tuesday with the judging of the Art Submissions, followed by Social Media Challenges on Wednesday and Thursday. Friday starts with Humanities Day, which has competitions ranging from literature to music to art, and ends with Travers Excellence in Writing Award Recognition Night.

Then, on Saturday, the field day competition takes place. Houses will compete in the annual egg toss, relay race, and other various activities.

Saturday will end with a catered dinner at the *House System Closing Ceremony & Awards*, where the winners from all of the competitions will be announced.



# Wednesday, April 22<sup>nd</sup> & Thursday, April 23<sup>rd</sup> *Social Media Challenge*

Each day at 8:00am a social media challenge will be emailed out to all House System students. **In order to count for points students must post the challenge on their story, tag their official house Instagram in the challenge, AND have the official house Instagram repost their submission by 6:00pm.**

*Regents will have until 7:00pm to repost the submission.* Points will then be tallied from each Houses' stories, so make sure your account is public!

*Students who do not have Instagram can send their challenge to their Regent so that the Regent can post it on the House Instagram.*

@schaeffer\_house\_se

@fuller\_house\_se

@liele\_house\_se

@elliott\_house\_se

@brainerd\_house\_se

# **Friday, April 24<sup>th</sup>** ***Humanities Day***

Art Competition

Literature Competition

Music Competition

Traver's Excellence in Writing Award

*Submissions are due on the House Tournament Website: [housetournament.net](http://housetournament.net)*

**Art Competition**

# 6 total categories:

## 5 Individual Categories; 1 House Category

All art submissions are due **Wednesday, April 8<sup>th</sup>, 2026 by 5pm** to the Student Life office in the Ledford Center. Participants must also submit their artwork on the House Tournament website. When turning in physical artwork, a form will be available that must be filled out and left with the submission. Individuals may enter one piece in any of the 5 categories (so, up to 5 individual pieces of art per person, but no more than one per category. Additionally, each house may only have up to 4 submissions per individual category). Each of the first 5 categories will be awarded points for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> place which will go towards the overall Art Award.

House Pride art, which will be weighted more heavily than the other 5 categories. This is a special category designed to show House pride and must be a collaborative effort.

### 1: Color Photography – 1 submission per person, 4 per House

- Color photograph must be **at least** 8x10 in size
- Submissions must be framed
- Submissions must be turned in to the Student Life office where a form will be available that must be filled out with the following information: Name, Competition Category, House, Title of Piece
- Contestants must also register their submission along with a picture of it on the House Tournament website

### 2: Black and White Photography – 1 submission per person, 4 per House

- Black and White photograph must be **at least** 8x10 in size
- Submissions must be framed
- Submissions must be turned in to the Student Life office where a form will be available that must be filled out with the following information: Name, Competition Category, House, Title of Piece
- Contestants must also register their submission along with a picture of it on the House Tournament website

### 3: Painting –1 submission per person, 4 per House

- Must be an original work of the individual entering
- Must be on a canvas or a framed paper
- Submissions must be turned in to the Student Life office where a form will be available that must be filled out with the following information: Name, Competition Category, House, Title of Piece
- Contestants must also register their submission along with a picture of it on the House Tournament website

### 4: Drawing –1 submission per person, 4 per House



- Must be an original work of the individual entering
- Must be on a framed paper *\*exceptions may apply.*
- Submissions must be turned in to the Student Life office where a form will be available that must be filled out with the following information: Name, Competition Category, House, Title of Piece
- Contestants must also register their submission along with a picture of it on the House Tournament website

#### 5: Mixed Media Art –1 submission per person, 4 per House

- Mixed Media is any art piece that uses a different material than that used for painting/drawing OR a combination of art mediums (assemblages, collages, wood burning, etc.)
  - o **Mixed media art MUST be physical artwork, it CANNOT be a video**
- Submissions must be turned in to the Student Life office where a form will be available that must be filled out with the following information: Name, Competition Category, House, Title of Piece
- Contestants must also register their submission along with a picture of it on the House Tournament website

#### 6: House Pride –1 per House

- House Pride art entry includes any physical art, any medium, which incorporates your House, its values, its crest, and/or motto, etc. (excluding performance art pieces)
- One entry per House
- **Must be a collaborative effort of leaders and members**
  - o *Chancellor must approve piece before submission*
- Submissions must be turned in by the Chancellor to the Student Life office where a form will be available that must be filled out with the following information: Name, Competition Category, House, Title of Piece
- Chancellors must also register their submission along with a picture of it on the House Tournament website
  - o *This will include a 1 paragraph explanation of the artwork and the collaborative process that will be printed and displayed.*
- *This category is weighted more heavily than the other categories*

# Literature Competition

## 3 Total Categories:

### 2 Individual Categories

### 1 House category

Travers Excellence in Writing Award (Academic Research Paper) submissions are due **Friday, February 27<sup>th</sup>, 2026.**

Poetry and Short Story submissions are due **Wednesday, April 8<sup>th</sup>, 2026 by 5pm** to the submission link found on the House Tournament website.

In each of the three categories, a 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> place winner will be announced. Each place will be awarded points that will go towards the overall House winner of the literature competition. The same House can win multiple places in the categories, but each House will be awarded a singular place in the overall literature competition.

#### **1: Travers Excellence in Writing Award (Academic Research Paper), at least 1 per House**

- **Each House must submit at least one research paper**
- Only one submission per student
- Click here to find the Official [Requirements](#) and [Rubric](#) for the Travers Excellence in Writing Award.
- The Board will:
  - Award a monetary prize for the top 3 Judson College Research Paper submissions
  - Email students that secured a placement and honorable mentions before the Recognition Night
- **Submissions are due Friday, February 27<sup>th</sup>, 2026,** to the submission link found on the House Tournament website
- **The Recognition Night will be held on April 24, 2026, at 7:00pm in Appleby Chapel (formal dress)**
  - The top three papers will read their submissions
  - Points will be awarded for House attendance

#### **2: Poetry, April 24<sup>th</sup>, 8:30am-11:15am\*time subject to change – 1 per person, 4 per House**

- Poems will be read aloud by the author.
- Poems submitted should be at a minimum of 10 lines in length
- Any type of poetry can be submitted, but it has to fall under the genre of poetry.
- Performance times will be assigned via email.
- Submission should include: Name, Competition Category, House, Title of Poem as well as a copy of your poem

#### **3: Short Story, April 24<sup>th</sup>, 8:30am-11:15am\*time subject to change – 1 per person, 4 per House**

- Required length: 5-15 pages (do not go over!)



- **Entrants should prepare a short section of their story to read aloud, but will not read the entire story aloud.**
  - Judges will read the short stories beforehand
- Entrants should be prepared to answer any questions on
  - Your inspiration
  - Five key elements: Main character, Setting, Plot, Conflict, & Theme
  - Any other question the judge(s) may have
- Submission should include: Name, Competition Category, House, Title of Short Story as well as a copy of your short story
- Individuals will be assigned via e-mail a time slot to perform

# Music Competition

## 4 Total Categories:

### 3 Individual Categories

### 1 House category

All music submissions are due on **Wednesday, April 8<sup>th</sup>, 2026 by 5pm.**

In each of the three categories, a 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> place winner will be announced. Each place will be awarded points that go towards the overall House winner of the music competition. The same House can win multiple places in the categories, but each House will be awarded a singular place in the overall music competition.

A rehearsal time for *Worship Ensemble* will be held on **Thursday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>** from 5-7pm in Appleby Chapel. Each House will need to sign-up for a rehearsal slot.

An optional rehearsal time for *all other music competitions* will be held in Appleby Chapel on **Friday, April 24<sup>th</sup>** from 9-11:30am for those who require any technical assistance in their performance (mic, plug in capabilities, etc.) Each participant may sign-up for a rehearsal slot in order to make sure any sound connections/microphone use is ready to go.

#### **1: Solo Vocal 1pm-1:45pm\*time subject to change – 1 per person, 4 per House**

- Time Limit: Pieces must be between 1-2 minutes
  - o *With a 30 second grace period; points will be deducted after that*
- Each individual may sing acapella or may have some kind of instrumental accompaniment that they provide:
  - o Someone else (does not have to be same House)
  - o Self
  - o Audio track (No background vocals)
- Registration should include: Name, Competition Category, House, Title of Selection, Composer, any accompaniment, Lyrics, etc...
  - o Original pieces are accepted but the lyrics must be included in the submission
- Individuals will be assigned a time slot to perform via e-mail

#### **2: Solo Instrumental 1:55pm-2:30pm\*time subject to change – 1 per person, 4 per House**

- Time Limit: Pieces must be between 1-2 minutes
  - o *With a 30 second grace period; points will be deducted after that*
- Registration should include: Name, Competition Category, House, Title of Selection, Composer, Instrument
  - o Original pieces are accepted but the music must be included in the submission
- Individuals will be assigned a time slot to perform via e-mail

#### **3: Vocal Duet 2:50pm-3:20pm\*time subject to change – 1 per person, 2 per House**

- Houses may have a maximum of two duets, but individuals are limited to one entry per person
- Time Limit: Pieces must be between 1-2 minutes
  - o *With a 30 second grace period; points will be deducted after that*
- Each duet may sing acapella or may have some kind of instrumental accompaniment that they provide:
  - o Someone else (does not have to be same House)
  - o Self
  - o Audio track (No background vocals)
- Registration should include: Names, Competition Category, House, Title of Selection, Composer, Lyrics, any accompaniment
  - o Original pieces are accepted but the lyrics must be included in the submission
- Individuals will be assigned a time slot to perform via e-mail

#### **4: Small Worship Ensemble 3:30pm-4:00pm – 1 per House**

- Small worship ensembles are groups of 3-5 individuals from the same House and will perform a worship piece
- Time Limit: Pieces must be **4 minutes or less**
  - o *With a 30 second grace period; points will be deducted after that*
- Registration should include: Names of all participants, Competition Category, House, Title of Selection, Composer, Accompaniment, Lyrics
  - o Original pieces are accepted but the lyrics must be included in the submission
  - o *Only one person from each ensemble should fill out the registration form*
- Ensembles will be assigned a time slot to perform via e-mail.

# **Saturday, April 25<sup>th</sup>**

## ***Field Day***

The field day competition will begin at **10am on Saturday morning** and last until noon. 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> place for each event will be awarded along with points for each. There will be five (5) competitions.

### **1. Participation**

The House with the highest percentage of members present will win.

### **2. Mystery Game!**

### **3. Crisscross Egg Toss**

Each House will have three teams of two people compete. Try not to let the water guns affect your catching ability.

### **4. Relay Race**

In the final field day game, each House will participate in a crazy relay race!