

The online application for the MFA Program for Writers is now hosted by Submittable. You can find it here:
www.warrenwilson.submittable.com

2020 DATES

Winter Residency: Jan 2 – 12, 2020

Application deadline: September 1, 2019

Summer Residency: July 1 – 11, 2020

Application deadline: March 1, 2020

Twice a year, we offer prospective students two means of participation in the education we provide:

- **Full-program admission** in our MFA-degree-granting, four-semester program in fiction or poetry
- **The Holden Residency Scholarship:** This **single-residency** scholarship covers tuition and residency fees for a minority writer in either genre. No graduate credit is issued, but the student is a full participant in our ten days together. The deadlines for this scholarship are the same as for full-program admission. Only one Holden Residency Scholarship may be awarded each residency. Application can be found here:

<https://warrenwilson.submittable.com/submit/144511/holden-residency-scholarship>

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS TO THE MFA PROGRAM FOR WRITERS

- **Application fee:** \$75, or \$110 if applying in both genres. (Payable online via Submittable) *Please note that while you may apply in both genres, if you are accepted in both genres, you must choose only one course of study.*
- **Application form**
- **Application manuscript** (in Word or PDF format)
 - Poetry: 10 pages maximum, no more than one poem per page.
 - Fiction: 25 pages (double-spaced) maximum
- **Personal essay** (3-4 pages, double-spaced, Word or PDF format) addressing your preparation in the study of creative writing and literature, additional experiences that seem particularly relevant to this application, the strengths and weaknesses of your writing, and your goals for your two years of degree study.
- **Critical analysis** (3-4 pages, double-spaced, Word or PDF format) a poem if applying in poetry – in a story or novel if applying in fiction – if applying in both genres, submit an analytical essay for each
- **2 letters of recommendation:** References will receive an email directly from Submittable with questions and instructions to submit their letters to the Program. A third letter is allowed but optional.
- **Transcripts** from each college or university you have attended. Unofficial transcripts are acceptable at the application stage; upon acceptance, you will be required to submit official transcripts.
- **Financial Aid:** Any student interested in receiving financial aid must complete a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) by the deadline date. All grants and scholarships in our program require that the FAFSA demonstrates financial need. Federal loans, available to any student, also require submission of the FAFSA by the deadline date. Please note the filing date on the application form.

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS FOR THE HOLDEN RESIDENCY SCHOLARSHIP

- **Application fee:** \$75, payable online to Submittable. *If a Holden Residency Scholar decides to subsequently apply for full program admission, the application fee will be waived.*
- **Application form**
- **Application manuscript** (in Word or PDF format)
 - Poetry: 10 pages maximum, no more than one poem per page.
 - Fiction: 25 pages (double-spaced) maximum
- **Personal essay** (3-4 pages, double-spaced, Word or PDF format) addressing your preparation in the study of creative writing and literature, additional experiences that seem particularly relevant to this application, the strengths and weaknesses of your writing, the reason you are applying for this residency-only opportunity, and your goals for the residency.
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