

## Distinguished Artist Award, Creative Writing

**Please print out this application form and mail it with your materials.**

To apply for the Distinguished Artist Award in Creative Writing, please submit the following materials:

This completed application form.

A two-page (500 word) essay answering the questions at the end of this application.

A letter of recommendation from a teacher, writer, or other person familiar with you and your writing.

Up to ten (10) typed manuscript pages of your creative writing. You may submit in only one genre, OR you may provide samples of more than one genre. Do not exceed the page limit. Double space your writing (poems may be single spaced). One poem per page (though longer poems may, of course, carry over to additional pages). Use a 12-point font and one-inch margins.

**NOTE:** Submit your best work. Proofread carefully. Please do not send papers on literary topics written for an English class—we are looking for a sample of your imaginative creative writing.

**Please fill out completely:**

Name

Address

City, State, Zip

Home Telephone

Email address

Year of high school graduation

Have you studied creative writing, or do you plan to study creative writing?

Have studied

Plan to study

Titles of the pieces of writing you are submitting with this application:

In a 500 word, typed, double-spaced essay, please tell us

- What are the strengths and the weaknesses in your writing?
- What are your particular strengths and weaknesses in giving and receiving criticism on writing?
- Who are your favorite writers, and why?

Please make sure you place your name, address, and phone number in the upper left hand corner of the first page of your essay. Do not use a cover sheet; do not staple.

Please paperclip (do not staple) your application packet together, with this form on top. The deadline for receipt in our office is February 13, 2009.

**Mail the packet to:**

Sarah Baar, Coordinator  
Distinguished Artist Award in Creative Writing  
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