

# *Carl Sandburg Writer-In-Residence Program*

The CSWIR will be located on the grounds of Carl Sandburg Home National Historic Site in western North Carolina, nestled in the beautiful Blue Ridge Mountains. The writer's accommodations will be in the Farm Manager's House, near the historic Sandburg home. This location offers a space for writers to create with minimal intrusion from outside influences, except those the writer seeks. A space for cooking, lounging, sleeping, taking care of household duties and ample opportunity for the writer to muse and work is located within the house. Also available is a high-speed internet connection. As the CSWIR program is only offered once per year, this makes it quite unique.

## **Benefits**

- \$1,500 stipend will be distributed to the writer in the following manner
  - \$500.00 living allowance will be distributed on the first day of the residency.
  - \$500.00 will be distributed on the final day of the residency.
  - \$500.00 will be distributed upon submission of final product (If a final product is submitted during the residency, this will be distributed on the final day of the residency. A final product is required to be submitted within 6 months of the end of the residency.)
  - This will be considered income and reported for tax purposes.
- Length of residency is three weeks
- The resident will be featured at a reception in their honor
- The community is served through an outreach program

## **Selection Process**

A writer will submit an application and materials by October 15 for the March residency to ensure ample time for notification. An application, resume, writing sample and artistic statement must be submitted together. Work will be judged on the following criteria:

- Artist Statement - Poet will reflect in one paragraph the importance of the Carl Sandburg Writer-in-Residence and discuss how the residency will impact personal development and artistic enhancement.
- Artist Sample – Poet will submit 3-5 poems, not to exceed 10 pages. No more than one poem on each page. Artist should submit highest quality work.

A writer will be selected from a selection committee made up of the following:

- 1 – Carl Sandburg Home NHS staff member, non-voting
- 2 – Friends of Carl Sandburg at Connemara board or general member
- 2 – Poets or writers from the community
- 1 – CSWIR partner

## **Artist Eligibility.**

- Must be 21 years old
- U.S. Citizen
- Cannot be enrolled in a degree program, either graduate or undergraduate
- A background check may be required
- Able to work independently

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The Carl Sandburg Writer-in-Residence Program was established to carry on the legacy of Carl Sandburg's works and life for the benefit of future generations, and to raise awareness of Carl Sandburg's role as a writer in American history and literature. Through this endeavor, Carl Sandburg Home NHS and its resident writer will help to promote the skill and art of writing for the benefit of the community and for the benefit of current and future generations of writers.

<b>PERSONAL DATA</b>			
Name (last, first, middle)			
Street Address	City	State	Zip
Home Telephone Number	Message Telephone Number	E-mail Address	
<b>PROFESSIONAL REFERENCES</b>			
Please list three references not related to you, with full name, address, phone number, and relationship.			
Name	Address/City/State	Phone	Relationship
<b>LIST OF POEMS</b>			
You must submit 3-5 poems, one poem per page, a limit of 10 pages.			
1.			
2.			
3.			
4.			
5.			
<b>OUTREACH ACTIVITY</b>			
Area of interest for outreach activity, please check one.			
<input type="checkbox"/>	Adult education (eg: community group, civic group, senior program, etc...)		
<input type="checkbox"/>	Youth education (eg: school groups, boys and girls club, etc...)		
<input type="checkbox"/>	Secondary education (eg: college-level writing class, community-college program, etc...)		
Signature:			Date:

To be considered for this residency you must submit the following:

- A completed application form
- Resume
- \$35.00 application fee (made payable to: Friends of Carl Sandburg at Connemara)
- 6 copies of the following:
  - Artist Statement: One paragraph defining the impact the residency will have on your artistic development. (do not include any identification information on this page)
  - Poems (do not include any identification information on these pages)

Mail to: Friends of Carl Sandburg at Connemara, Attn: CSWIR  
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