

2015 Carl Sandburg Writer-In-Residence Program

Applications are now being accepted for 2017 from prose writers.

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.

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. As the CSWIR program is only offered once per year, this makes it quite unique.

The program is targeted at early-career writers. In addition to uninterrupted writing time, the residencies offer opportunities for service at Carl Sandburg Home NHS and in the local community, for presentation of workshops or readings, and for literary projects of your own in the region, where there is a vibrant literary community. The ideal candidate is self-motivated, outgoing, interested in multiple aspects of the literary field, and has a desire to engage with the community.

Benefits

- \$1,500 stipend will be distributed to the writer in the following manner
 - \$750.00 living allowance will be distributed on the first day of the residency.
 - \$750.00 will be distributed on the final day of the residency.
 - This will be considered income and a 1099 will be issued for tax purposes.
- Length of residency is three weeks: March 15 to April 5.
- Writer contributes up to 10 hours a week in community outreach. The community is served through programs to schools, writing groups, at regional poetry events and other appropriate programs. Specific outreach opportunities will be determined when writer is selected.

About Outreach Service

Our residents have proposed and carried out a wide variety of community outreach projects. Past residents have led writing workshops for adults, worked with English students at a local high school, led short writing programs for elementary and middle school students visiting the Sandburg Home, and shared their work at poetry readings and writing groups in the region.

Selection Process

Writer will submit an application and materials postmarked by October 10th, 2016 for the Spring residency to ensure ample time for notification and preparation of outreach events. An application, resume, writing sample and artist statement must be submitted together. Writer will be judged on the following criteria:

- Artist Statement - Writer will reflect in not more than one page what they want to accomplish with their own writing during the residence and their ideas for community literary service in the areas surrounding the park.
- Artist Sample – Writer will submit 2-3 pieces of work (short story or selected excerpt), not to exceed 10 pages. No more than one piece of work on a single page. Artist should submit highest quality work.

Artist Eligibility.

- Must be 21 years old
- U.S. Citizen
- Cannot be enrolled in a degree program, either graduate or undergraduate
- Able to work independently
- More information may be found at the park's website www.nps.gov/car1

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PERSONAL DATA			
Name (last, first, middle)			
Street Address	City	State	Zip
Home Telephone Number	Message Telephone Number	E-mail Address	
PROFESSIONAL REFERENCES			
Please list three references not related to you, with full name, address, phone number, and relationship.			
Name	Address/City/State	Phone	Relationship
LIST OF Works			
You must submit 2 -3 pieces (short story or excerpt), a limit of 10 pages total.			
1.			
2.			
3.			
OUTREACH ACTIVITY			
Area of primary interest for outreach activities, check all that apply			
<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 by October 10, 2017:

- A completed application form
- Resume
- \$30.00 application fee (made payable to: Friends of Carl Sandburg at Connemara)
- 6 copies of the following (please collate and staple your copies together):
- Artist Statement:
 - Writer will reflect in not more than one page what they want to accomplish with their own writing during the residence and their ideas for community literary service in the areas surrounding the park. No more than one page, **do not include any identifying information on this page.**
 - Submitted Works (**do not include any identification information on these pages**)

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