

RACINE ARTS COUNCIL WRITER-IN-RESIDENCE APPLICATION

The Racine Arts Council (RAC) has established a Writer-in-Residence program at our gallery and administrative space in downtown Racine. Through this new program, the RAC seeks to spotlight Racine's dynamic literary community while encouraging, supporting and advocating on behalf of writers at all stages of their careers.

Three (3) four-month residencies are available each year for emerging, mid-career and established writers who reside in Racine County. Residencies take place during the following months: January-April, May-August, and September-December. Candidates are awarded a \$750 stipend and provided with daily access to the creative space at the RAC's facility. The RAC's Writer-in-Residence Program is supported by a grant from the Osborne and Scekic Family Foundation.

Applicant Expectations

In return for a \$750 stipend, the Writer-in-Residence is expected to:

- Be present a minimum of 8 hours per week, including one scheduled day at the RAC from 12pm-5pm. The gallery will be open to the public at this time.
- Publish a minimum of one weekly blog post on the established website. Topics are the choice of the Writer-in-Residence and may include the current exhibit, experiences at the RAC, book reviews, new poems and/or stories, etc.
- Develop and execute a minimum of one community-based collaboration or project. Examples include, but are not limited to, artist talks, school-based projects, a collaborative exhibition, a drop-in writers' group or workshop, etc.

Applicant Requirements

The writing resident must:

- Be a Racine/Kenosha County resident.
- Be 18 years of age.
- Be actively engaged in the literary arts community.
- Possess a record of past achievements, strong artistic merit, commitment towards advancing the art form and active contribution to the Racine literary arts scene.
- Submit a cover letter, not to exceed (1) page in length that outlines the following:
 - If applicable, names of publications that have published your work.
 - Information on any recognition you have received as a writer.
 - Any educational work in the literary arts.
 - Places where you have presented your work in the last two years.

- Information on your professional career, volunteer work and hobbies, as they apply to the literary arts and to literacy in general.
 - The reason(s) why you wish to become the Writer-in-Residence.
- Submit (3) writing samples, limited to (1) page each, as separate Microsoft Word documents either digitally or via snail mail. Font should be no less than 12 pt. Please place your name or contact information on each page. Diversity in writing is a plus!
- Submit (1) page describing the creative project you would like to develop as the Writer-In-Residence. Descriptions are not to exceed 300 words.
- Submit a resume or CV not exceeding (1) page.
- Provide a picture of yourself and a brief bio to be included in promotional materials
- Optional: Letters of recommendation.

How to Apply:

- 1) Visit the RAC between 12-5pm, Wednesday through Saturday, pick up a paper application, fill it out, return this and the requested documents to the RAC with the envelope indicating the Writer’s Residency c/o the RAC.
- 2) Visit racineartscouncil.org, download the PDF, fill it out, scan if necessary, and email this and the requested documents to nick_ramsey1@yahoo.com with Writer’s Residency in the subject line.

Applications must be completed in English. Applicants who have trouble accessing or using the online form may contact the Writing Residency Coordinator, Nick Ramsey, at 262.598.4803 or nick_ramsey1@yahoo.com.

2017 Fall Residency Application Due Date: July 1, 2017

FIRST NAME _____ MIDDLE INITIAL _____

LAST NAME _____

HOME ADDRESS _____

CITY/VILLAGE/TOWN _____ ZIP _____

PHONE _____ (Cell) _____

EMAIL _____

DATE OF BIRTH _____ (Must be age 18 or older)

I live in Racine County ____Y ____N I live in Kenosha County ____Y ____N

I have the means to travel to and from the Racine Arts Council ____Y ____N

I certify that representations made in this application are true and complete to the best of my knowledge, and that the writing samples that I have submitted with this application are my own material and accurately represent my work.

APPLICANT'S SIGNATURE _____

DATE _____