

APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION: SOLSTICE MFA PROGRAM

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

Please note that we also welcome online applications, to apply online, go to: <http://www.pmc.edu/solstice-mfa-program-application-form>.

Before completing this form, please refer to our application guidelines. Type or print all necessary information neatly in ink, and send completed form via U.S. Mail to the Solstice Low-Residency MFA in Creative Writing Program with the following materials attached:

1. \$50 application fee (check made out to Pine Manor College).
2. A completed application form.
3. Your typewritten application manuscript. Please submit work for the area in which you plan to concentrate. If you are applying to the Writing for Children & Young Adults concentration, you may submit a mix of genres totaling no more than 25 typed pages and adhering to the guidelines below:
 - Poetry: 10 typed pages (single spaced, one poem per page) maximum
 - Fiction: 25 typed pages (double spaced) maximum
 - Creative Nonfiction: 25 typed pages (double spaced) maximum
 - Comics & Graphic Narratives: 8–12 pages of sequential fiction or nonfiction.
4. A personal essay (3-5 typed pages maximum) addressing the following issues:
 - your literary influences, including books you've recently read; and what you have learned about the craft of writing from these influences
 - the strengths and weaknesses of your writing
 - your ability to listen to and use direct criticism of your work
 - what you hope to gain from earning your MFA in Creative Writing
 - obstacles that might prevent you from devoting 25 hours per week to your study and corresponding regularly with your faculty mentor
 - other things you'd like us to know about you, relevant to this application

College transcripts and three letters of recommendation should be sent directly to Pine Manor's Solstice MFA Office.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOU

Last, First, Middle initial

Maiden name or publishing name if different from above

Occupation

Gender

Date of Birth

Social Security Number

Status of Citizenship: I am a U.S. Citizen I am a U.S. Permanent Resident and my Alien ID# is: _____

I am not a U.S. Citizen. My country of citizenship is: _____

If you currently hold a U.S. Visa, please indicate visa type: _____ Admission Number: _____

Check the one category with which you most identify (optional):

- African American Asian or Pacific Islander Black/Non-Hispanic Hispanic/Latino
 American Indian or Alaskan Native White/Non-Hispanic

Other: _____

How did you hear about our program? (If you learned about us via the Internet, please let us know which Web site directed you to Solstice.)

CONTACT INFORMATION

Address

Apt. #

City, State, Zip

Country

Email

Primary phone Cell Home Work Alternate phone Cell Home Work

EDUCATIONAL AND ENTRANCE INFORMATION

Please indicate when you would prefer to begin: Summer Residency Winter Residency 20_____

Have you applied to this program before? No Yes _____

If yes, when? Semester/Year(s):

Education to Date:

Institution	Location	Degree Received	Major	Dates Attended
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Writers' Conferences, Workshops, and Other Non-Credit Courses Attended:

List of Publications, Prizes, Honors, Grants:

Genre in which you are applying: Poetry Fiction Creative Nonfiction Writing for Children & Young Adults

Provide the names and addresses of three people whom you have asked to assess your creative work and your qualifications for graduate study in writing. Letters of recommendation should be sent directly to Pine Manor College's Solstice MFA in Creative Writing Program office.

FELLOWSHIPS, SCHOLARSHIPS, AND FINANCIAL AID

Are you applying for financial aid?

Yes, I am filling out the FAFSA form and applying for financial aid (U.S. Citizens and Permanent Residents only)

No, I do not plan to apply for financial aid

Note: Applicants are advised to apply for financial aid at the same time as applying for admission; please see our "Fellowships, Scholarships, and Financial Aid" page on our web site for information.

Are you applying for a Writers Helping Writers/need-based scholarship? (FAFSA required and should be submitted ASAP)

Yes, I am applying for a Writers Helping Writers/need-based scholarship

No, I am not applying for a Writers Helping Writers/need-based scholarship

Are you applying for one of the following fellowships? (Please check only one)***Note: Fellowships are awarded to students applying for the winter residency/spring semester only, with the exception of the Hope Fellowship, which is offered for the summer residency/fall semester only.*

The Dennis Lehane Fellowship for Fiction
 The Jacqueline Woodson Fellowship for a Young People's Writer of African or Caribbean Descent

The Michael Steinberg Fellowship for Creative Nonfiction
 The Sharon Olds Fellowship for Poetry
 The Kurt Brown Fellowship for Diverse Voices

SIGNATURE

The deadline date is not a postmark deadline (see "Application Guidelines" web page); your application materials must be in our office by that date. Please be sure you have enclosed the application fee, three copies of this completed application, three copies of your manuscript, and three copies of the required essay.

I certify that all information submitted by me in this application is my own work, and is complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I understand that any misrepresentation or omission of facts in my application justifies a denial or cancellation of admission.

Signature Date of Application

Pine Manor College is committed to creating a diverse community of people who can live and work in an atmosphere of mutual respect and appreciation for the rights of each individual, regardless of differences. The College admits students without regard to their race, color, religion or creed, national or ethnic origin, age, handicap, veteran's status, sex, sexual orientation, or marital status. The College does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion or creed, national or ethnic origin, age, handicap, veteran's status, sex, sexual orientation, or marital status in the administration of its educational policies, athletic or other programs, or employment practices and programs.

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Genre _____ Fee _____ Ms. _____ Ess. _____ Rec. _____ Trans. _____
Comment _____