

Jiménez-Porter Writers' House Application 2011-12

Application Checklist: All applicants must submit the following application materials:

_____ *Application Form*: Please complete this form in full.

_____ *Statement of Purpose*: 1-2 pages double-spaced. All essays must be typed. See description on reverse.

_____ *Creative Writing Sample*: All samples must be typed. 4-6 poems or 8-12 pages of fiction. Students are welcome to submit in a language other than English; contact the program for guidelines.

_____ *Unofficial transcript* (can be printed from Testudo: <http://www.testudo.umd.edu/apps/uotrans/>)

(Note: this application may be found in electronic form at www.writershouse.umd.edu, and may be downloaded and e-mailed with all the above attachments, to jmschmid@umd.edu.)

A. General Information

Student Name _____
Last First Middle

University Identification Number _____ - _____ - _____

Local Address _____
Street/PO Box/Room Number

City State Zip

Telephone (_____) _____ - _____ Email _____

Gender: _____ male Current Educational Status (check one): _____ Senior
_____ female _____ Junior
_____ Sophomore
Race/Ethnicity (optional): _____ _____ Freshman
_____ High School Senior

Major(s): _____ Citations (if applicable): _____

Are you currently the member of another living-learning program? If so, which one? _____

G.P.A. Overall _____ G.P.A. Major (if applicable) _____

Please check here if you would like to be considered for one or both of the following classes:
ENG 396 (Intermediate Fiction) _____ or **ENG 397** (Intermediate Poetry) _____

Please list any previous creative writing courses you have taken in English or other relevant courses taken in English, Spanish or other languages:

Course	Instructor
1.	
2.	
3.	

Please list any honors, awards, or scholarships you have received:

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B. Statement of Purpose

Your statement of purpose (1-2 pages, double-spaced) should include an introduction of yourself as well as an insightful explanation of why you want to study creative writing in a living and learning environment. You might also consider discussing important influences on your work or describing a current writing

project (poem, story, etc). This is a critical portion of your application package, and one of our main sources of information about you. (Please attach typed essay to your application form.)

C. Pledge of Commitment

By signing below, I pledge to uphold the expectations and requirements of the Jiménez Porter Writer's House as outlined below

- Students enrolled in Writers' House must take and pass (with "B" or better) the required Writers' House course in each semester of residency. They must meet all requirements and policies of each Writers' House course, as stated in the course syllabus/course policies.
- First year students must complete ARHU 318 and ARHU 318A (one credit each).
- Second year students must complete ARHU 319 and ARHU 319A (three credits each).
- Students must complete a three-credit course in a supporting area during their first year of residency (three credits). Course(s) must be selected from approved list or receive Director's approval.
- Students must live in Dorchester Hall for at least their first year of the program.
- Students must demonstrate participation in the Writers' House community by actively serving on one Writers' House or "Bridges" (hall governance) committee.
- Students must commit themselves to uphold the mission of the Writers' House living-learning program, which aims to foster a strong community conducive to learning. Students are the foundation of this program and its success depends upon their ability and willingness to treat community members with respect and civility in and outside of class. In particular, students must come prepared to offer constructive, balanced feedback on all peer writing.

Applicant Signature _____ *Date* _____

IMPORTANT: In addition to the above-listed application materials, all applicants must complete and submit a Resident Life housing contract and deposit for on-campus living to be considered for this program. All Resident Life contracts must be submitted according to published deadlines. Call the Department of Resident Life at 301-314-2100 for more information.

PLEASE SUBMIT ALL APPLICATION MATERIALS BY EITHER DECEMBER 1, 2010 (early notification deadline) or MARCH 1, 2011 to jmschmid@umd.edu, or by post to:

Director, Jiménez-Porter Writers' House
University of Maryland
Dean's Office, College of Arts and Humanities
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