

Whidbey Writers Workshop  
Northwest Institute of Literary Arts  
Master of Fine Arts Program



## **APPLICATION to**

### **Master of Fine Arts in Creative Writing Whidbey Writers Workshop Northwest Institute of Literary Arts A Program of the Whidbey Island Writers Association**

Please type or print in ink and mail the completed form to the MFA Program, Whidbey Writers Workshop, at the address on page three. Include the following:

1. \$50 application fee payable to Whidbey Writers Workshop
2. Typewritten manuscript of your original work (2 copies) and one electronic copy. Send work only in the genre which you plan to focus (Fiction, Poetry, Nonfiction or Children/Young Adult). 20 pages maximum. Fiction candidates may send short stories or chapters; non-fiction candidates may send short pieces or chapters of longer works. Double-space prose; single-space poetry (one poem per page). Send electronic copy as an attachment to an e-mail to [mfa@whidbey.com](mailto:mfa@whidbey.com).
3. Short essay (under 1500 words) which discusses your background in writing and literature courses, workshops, conferences, and other experiences relevant to study for the MFA Program. Also explore your own writing: themes, strengths and weaknesses, etc. Mention any problems which might prevent you from spending at least 25 hours a week on your writing, reading, and participation in online courses. Are you a self-starter who will participate effectively in a low-residency program? Send one hard copy with application and one electronic copy as an attachment to an e-mail to [mfa@whidbey.com](mailto:mfa@whidbey.com).
4. Please have official college transcripts from all schools attended sent directly to the Registrar, MFA Program, Whidbey Writers Workshop (address below)
5. Please also have three letters of recommendation sent by the recommenders directly to the MFA Program, Whidbey Writers Workshop (address below)

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**Name:**

**Address:**

**Telephone:**

**E-mail:**

**Birth Date:**

**Place of Birth:**

**Visa status (if non-US citizen):**

**Applying for entrance in: Fall, 200\_\_ Spring, 200\_\_**

**Genre in which you are applying: Fiction Nonfiction Poetry Children/Young Adult**

**Educational History**

Please list in reverse chronological order (most recent school first) all schools attended at graduate, undergraduate, or secondary level. Attach additional pages as necessary.

Dates	School/College	Address	Diploma & Date
_____	_____	_____	_____
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**Workshops, Conferences, etc. attended.** Attach additional pages as necessary.

Dates	Title of Workshop, etc.	Place
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
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**Publications, Prizes, Honors, Grants, etc.** Attach additional pages as necessary.

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**Three Letters of Recommendation**, at least one of which discusses your writing.  
Provide names and addresses of references below:

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Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Mail complete application, requested essay and manuscript copies and non-refundable \$50.00 application fee to:**

**Whidbey Writers Workshop, NILA  
PO Box 639  
Freeland, WA 98249**

**(Note: Please put the letters “MFA” in the memo line of the check - Thank you.)**

**Address e-mail with attached manuscript and short essay to [mfa@whidbey.com](mailto:mfa@whidbey.com).**