

CSSSA Creative Writing Application—2012

DEADLINE: February 28, 2012

PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE IN BLUE OR BLACK INK ONLY.

1. CREATIVE WRITING APPLICATION

(If you wish to apply to more than ONE department, you must print and complete the application for that department and submit in a separate envelope.)

IMPORTANT: You must provide 4 copies of each assignment (outlined below, page 13) for the Review Panel.

2. STUDENT INFORMATION

Student First Name: _____ Middle Initial: _____

Last Name: _____

Home Address (mailing): _____

City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____ California County: _____

Email address: _____

Date of Birth (use numbers): ____/____/____.

Age: _____

Gender: () male () female

Grade Level to be completed as of June 2012: _____

Home Phone: (____) ____-____

Student Cell Phone: (____) ____-____

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3. PARENT/GUARDIAN INFORMATION

Parent/Guardian First Name: _____

Last Name: _____

Home Phone: (____) ____-____

Business Phone: (____) ____-____

Parent/Guardian Cell Phone: (____) ____-____

Email address: _____

4. SCHOOL INFORMATION

Current School: _____

Phone: (____) ____-____

Street Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____ California County:

5. ATTENDANCE VERIFICATION

To verify your attendance at a California secondary school, please submit either a current transcript of your academic record, or have your teacher or counselor complete the Attendance Verification form (page 11).

6. RECOMMENDATION INFORMATION

Please identify two people who will complete the Recommendation Forms on your behalf. These people should be schoolteachers, private instructors, or arts professionals in your chosen subject area. Recommendations may be submitted on school stationery if the recommender prefers that, but they **MUST** be enclosed with this application.

FIRST RECOMMENDATION:

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Name: _____

Position: _____

School (if applicable): _____

Street Address: _____

City/County: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____ Country (if outside of US): _____

SECOND RECOMMENDATION:

Name: _____

Position: _____

School (if applicable): _____

Street Address: _____

City/County: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____ Country (if outside of US): _____

7. WHERE DID YOU LEARN ABOUT California State Summer School for the Arts?

Friend Internet Poster Teacher School Administration

Local Arts Organization Other (Specify):

8. CALIFORNIA RESIDENTS ONLY: WHO ARE YOUR LEGISLATIVE REPRESENTATIVES?

State Senator:

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State Assembly Member:

To determine your legislative representatives, go on the Internet to
<<http://www.leginfo.ca.gov/yourleg.html>>.

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9. DO YOU REQUIRE ANY SPECIAL SERVICES FOR REASON OF A DISABILITY?

Physical:

- Legally blind/visually impaired
 - Mobility impairment (including orthopedic)
 - Other impairment (please specify):
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Communication:

- Speech impairment
- Hearing impairment
- Learning disability

Please describe:

10. ETHNIC INFORMATION This question is voluntary. The California State Summer School for the Arts collects this information to conform to new guidelines from the Federal government. This information will not affect any student's application for admission.

Check one:

- American Indian or Alaska Native
- Asian
- Black or African-American
- Hispanic
- Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander
- White
- Other _____

11. EDUCATIONAL INFORMATION

How many years have you studied your primary art form?

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(1) In your school: _____

(2) Private study: _____

Please describe your education plans beyond high school:

If you attended CSSSA previously, please circle the year(s) and indicate department(s):

() 2008 () 2009 () 2010 () 2011 Department(s):

12. FILING INSTRUCTIONS

Mail all forms, the assignments for your department, and the application fee by February 28, 2012 to the Department you are applying to at:

California State Summer School for the Arts
ATTENTION: Creative Writing Department
P.O. Box 1077
Sacramento, CA 95812-1077

- You MUST write the Department you are applying to on the outside of the envelope.
- A non-refundable \$20 APPLICATION FEE is required:

() CHECK or MONEY ORDER made payable to "CSSSA"

() VISA () MasterCard

Card # _____ Expires Mo.____ Yr.____

Three to seven digit number found in signature box on back of card: _____

Contact: (916) 229-5160 / (916) 229-5170 (fax) / www.application@csssa.org

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California State Summer School for the Arts 2012 Program
RECOMMENDATION FORM
DEADLINE: February 28, 2012

To the Student: **YOU NEED TO PRINT AND SUBMIT TWO OF THESE FORMS!** Two individual adults need to fill out a recommendation form for you. Please make sure that your two recommendations and all other parts of your application, including the Required Assignments, are submitted in the same envelope by February 28, 2012. Your application cannot be completely processed until ALL REQUIRED FORMS AND RECOMMENDATIONS are received. Teachers may submit written recommendations on school stationery, if they prefer.

1. STUDENT INFORMATION

Students please fill in the student information portion of this form before providing it to the individual who will be recommending you.

Student First Name: _____

Last Name: _____

2. RECOMMENDING ADULT: (Teacher, private instructor or other recommending adult).

Name of recommending individual:

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Recommender's Address:

Street Address:

City:

State: _____ Zip: _____ Email Address:

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Recommender's Phone: (____) _____ - _____

Subject Taught: _____

How many years have you known this student and in what capacity:

Indicate below your evaluation of the applicant:

1. Interest in chosen area:

Below Average Average Above Average Superior

2. Ability in chosen area:

Below Average Average Above Average Superior

3. Character:

Below Average Average Above Average Superior

4. Cooperation:

Below Average Average Above Average Superior

5. Leadership:

Below Average Average Above Average Superior

6. Emotional Maturity:

Below Average Average Above Average Superior

7. Personal Initiative:

Below Average Average Above Average Superior

Additional comments:

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Signature:

Date:

3. RETURN COMPLETED FORM TO STUDENT (May be sealed for confidentiality).

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FINANCIAL AID REQUEST

Financial aid is restricted to CALIFORNIA RESIDENTS. It is not awarded to students attending for a second summer regardless of department.

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- This form **must be submitted with the application** if you wish to be considered for financial aid. Your chances of acceptance to CSSSA will not be affected by your financial aid application.
- You **MUST** submit a copy of parent/guardian's 2010 or 2011 (whichever is most recently filed) 1040, 1040A, or 1040EZ tax forms and supplements with this request.
- **DO NOT FILL OUT THIS FORM OR SUBMIT INCOME TAX RETURNS IF YOU ARE NOT APPLYING FOR FINANCIAL AID.**
- THIS APPLICATION MUST BE TYPED OR COMPLETED IN BLUE OR BLACK INK PEN, not pencil.

Student Name:

Home Telephone: (_____) _____ - _____

Street Address:

City, State, Zip:

Parent/Guardian #1 Name:

Business Phone: (_____) _____ - _____

Parent/Guardian #2 Name:

Business Phone: (_____) _____ - _____

1. Parent(s)/Guardian(s)' current marital status (please check one)

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- () Married. (Report income information for both parents, including step-parent.)
- () Widow/Widower. (Report income information of surviving parent.)
- () Separated/Divorced. (Report income information on parent you lived with during the last twelve months.)

2. State of LEGAL RESIDENCE of parent(s)/guardian(s): _____

3. Total size of HOUSEHOLD during 2010-2011 school year including parents/guardians, all dependent children, and other dependents who live with your parents:

4. Parents/Guardians' ADJUSTED GROSS INCOME:

a. Amount earned by Parent/Guardian #1: _____

b. Amount earned by Parent/Guardian #2: _____

5. Total U.S. INCOME TAX PAID (line 60 from Form 1040; line 11 from Form 1040EZ):

6. SOCIAL SECURITY BENEFITS that the entire family received. Omit educational benefits. (Do not report money included in No. 4 above.) You must provide official supporting documentation.

7. AFDC welfare benefits received by family. Report total annual amount, not monthly amounts. (Do not report money included in No. 4 above.) You must provide official supporting documentation.

8. NON-TAXABLE INCOME. Include untaxed unemployment compensation, interest and dividend exclusion, military, or clergy housing allowances, the untaxed portion of capital gains, income from untaxed municipal bonds, child support, non-taxable retirement pay-outs, and non-educational veteran's benefits. (Do not report money included in No. 4 above.)

9. UNREIMBURSED MEDICAL COSTS. Report medical expenses for the family that were not reimbursed. Use the same rules for calculation that the IRS allows, but

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exclude insurance premiums.

10. STUDENT'S INCOME. Enter amount earned:

11. STUDENT'S NON-TAXABLE INCOME. Enter total amount of untaxed income. (Use same definitions as in No. 8.)

12. STUDENT'S SAVINGS. Enter total of checking and savings accounts.

13. PARENT'S CASH SAVINGS. Enter total amount of savings and checking accounts.

14. HOME VALUE. Enter the current market value of your home, condominium, or mobile home.

15. MORTGAGE DEBT. Enter the amount of principal still owed.

16. REAL ESTATE AND INVESTMENTS. Enter market value of other real estate, investments, stocks, bonds, certificates of deposit, precious metals, etc.

17. INVESTMENT DEBT. Enter amount owed on investments in No. 16.

18. BUSINESS OR FARM. Enter the market value of your business or farm. Include inventory.

19. BUSINESS/FARM DEBT. Enter the amount of debt owed on business or farm.

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Exclude non-family partner's share of debt.

20. Total number of family members who are full-time college students.

Mail this form along with your application and materials by February 28, 2012 to:

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Attention: Creative Writing Department
P.O. Box 1077
Sacramento, CA 95812-1077**

**Contact: (916) 229-5160 / (916) 229-5170 (fax) /
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**California State Summer School for the Arts 2012 Program
ATTENDANCE VERIFICATION FORM**

**POSTMARK DEADLINE: February 28, 2012, with completed
application**

To the Student: YOU NEED TO PRINT AND SUBMIT THIS FORM, or a transcript.

- A teacher or counselor from your high school must fill out this form for you.
- Please make sure that this form and all other parts of the application are submitted without delay. Your application cannot be completely processed until ALL required forms are received by the California State Summer School for the Arts.

ATTENDANCE VERIFICATION: To verify your attendance at a California secondary school, please submit either a current transcript of your academic record, or have your teacher or counselor complete the following

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certification:

I certify that _____

(student) submitting this application is a bona fide student at:

_____ school.

Teacher/Counselor Name: _____

Position: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Mail* this form along with your application and materials by February 28, 2011 to:

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Attention: Creative Writing Department
P.O. Box 1077
Sacramento, CA 95812-1077

* You MUST write the name of the Department to which you are applying to on the outside of the envelope.

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Applicants to the Creative Writing Program must submit completed application and teacher recommendation forms and the following **REQUIRED ASSIGNMENTS**:

- A. Personal Statement: What do you hope to gain from participating in this program? Include the styles and forms that most appeal to you, the names of your favorite writers and why you admire them. (Limit: 200 words / double-spaced)
- B. Creative Non-fiction: Using the present tense, write an early memory in the first person. This should be a memory centered around a parent(s) or guardian before you were 10. Use only those words and perceptions appropriate to a young child. The memory should be

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about a brief incident - no more than an hour- and should happen in one place. (Limit: 1 page / double-spaced).

- C. Dialogue: Write a two-person scene in which one character tries to break through another character's stubborn sense of reality. Consider unwarranted fears, baseless optimism, blind devotion etc. Make the issue both specific and dramatic. Do this mainly in dialogue, but be sure to indicate a particular time and place. (Limit: 1 - 2 page / double-spaced).
- D. Descriptive Prose: Write three short paragraph blocks; the first, "fear," the second, "anger," and the third, "relief." The trick is to not use these words within the text. Allow each paragraph block to render these emotions through the description of physical sensations or images. If you want, write mini-stories that dramatize each of these emotions. Avoid clichés such as "rolling tears", "clenched fists", etc. (Limit: 1 - 1.5 pages / double-spaced).
- E. Poetry: Write a poem inspired by a visual image you have selected. The poem should not rhyme unless it is written to follow a strict poetic form, e.g., rondeau, villanelle, or sonnet. (Limit: 1 page / single-spaced).
- F. **OPTIONAL ADDITIONAL ASSIGNMENT:** You may also submit any piece of writing that you have created of which you are particularly proud. Excerpts from longer works are acceptable. Please do not include school assignments or journalism. (Limit: 2 pages / double-spaced).

RETURNING STUDENTS ONLY:

If you previously attended CSSSA in an artistic discipline other than Creative Writing, you must submit a recommendation from a CSSSA instructor in that department.

PLEASE NOTE:

1. Parents and teachers are not to edit or collaborate with the writer. Perfection is not the basis for admission; the panel will evaluate the intent, talent and creativity of response demonstrated by the applicant in the required assignments. Any suggestion of adult input will negatively influence the panel's decision and hurt the applicant's chances of admission.
2. All assignments must be typed or neatly hand-written, double-spaced and free of errors, and on separate pages. All entries must be typed in 12 pt. Font, with 1-inch margins. No fancy fonts please. Include your name and the proper assignment letter (A, B, C, D, E, or F) on each page.
3. We will not return the assignments; send copies, and not originals.
4. **IMPORTANT:** You must provide 4 sets of copies of each assignment for the Review Panel. Each of the 4 sets must have one copy of each

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assignment. For example, set 1 will include a copy of Assignment A, Assignment B, Assignment C, Assignment D, and so forth. Sets 2, 3 and 4 will be identical to set 1 with copies of Assignment A, Assignment B, Assignment C, Assignment D, etc. Be sure to staple each assignment and clip all 4 together with a paper clip.

5. Send your application and assignments to:

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