

InnerSpark Creative Writing Application—2010

c. Email address: _____

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

e. Age: _____

f. Gender: () male () female

g. Grade Level to be completed as of June 2010: _____

h. Home Phone: (____) ____-_____

i. Student Cell Phone: (____) ____-_____

3. PARENT/GUARDIAN INFORMATION

a. Parent/Guardian First Name: _____

Last Name: _____

b. Home Phone: (____) ____-_____

c. Business Phone: (____) ____-_____

d. Parent/Guardian Cell Phone: (____) ____-_____

e. Email address: _____

4. SCHOOL INFORMATION

a. Current School: _____

Phone: (____) ____-_____

Street Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____ California County: _____

5. ATTENDANCE VERIFICATION

(Use separate Attendance Verification form): 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.

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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:

a. Name: _____

b. Position: _____

c. School (if applicable): _____

d. Street Address: _____

City/County: _____

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

SECOND RECOMMENDATION:

a. Name: _____

b. Position: _____

c. School (if applicable): _____

d. Address

Street Address: _____

City/County: _____

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

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

a. Friend b. Internet c. Poster d. Teacher e. School Administration

f. Local Arts Organization g. Other (Specify): _____

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

State Senator: _____

State Assembly Member: _____

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

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

() a. Physical:

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

() b. Communication:

- () Speech impairment
- () Hearing impairment
- () Learning disability

Please describe:

10. ETHNIC INFORMATION This question is optional. The California State Summer School for the Arts is committed to enrolling a student body that is culturally diverse, as well as artistically talented. Answers are compiled and used for statistical purposes only. Your answer will not determine your qualification or selection for the school.

Check one:

- () American Indian or Alaskan Native () Hispanic
- () Filipino () Multi-Racial
- () White (non-Hispanic) () Pacific Islander
- () Asian () African American (non-Hispanic)
- () Other _____

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11. EDUCATIONAL INFORMATION

a. How many years have you studied your primary art form?

(1) In your school: _____

(2) Private study: _____

b. Do you have educational plans beyond high school? If yes please describe:

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

() 2006 () 2007 () 2008 () 2009 Department(s): _____

12. FILING INSTRUCTIONS

Mail all forms, the assignments for your department, and the application fee by February 27, 2010 to the Department you are applying to at:

California State Summer School for the Arts (InnerSpark)
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 in the form of (check method of payment) is required:

() CHECK or MONEY ORDER made payable to "CSSSA" -- NO CASH

() VISA () MasterCard

Card # _____ Expires Mo. _____ Yr. _____

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

Information Hotline: (916) 274-5815;
FAX: (916) 274-5814;
EMAIL: <application@innerspark.us>

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**California State Summer School for the Arts (InnerSpark) 2010 Program
RECOMMENDATION FORM
DEADLINE: February 27, 2010**

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 27, 2010. 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 sending it to the individual who will be recommending you.

a. Student First Name: _____

b. Last Name: _____

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

a. Name of recommending individual:

b. Recommender's Address:

Street Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____ Email Address: _____

c. Recommender's Phone: (____) _____ - _____

d. Subject Taught: _____

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

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f. 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

g. Additional comments:

h. Signature:

i. Date: _____

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

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California State Summer School for the Arts 2010 Program FINANCIAL AID REQUEST

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

DEADLINE: February 27, 2010

- This form **must be submitted with the application** if you wish to be considered for financial aid. Your chances of acceptance to InnerSpark will not be affected by your financial aid application.
- You **MUST** submit a copy of parent/guardian's 2008 or 2009 (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)

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 2008-2009 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: _____

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5. Total U.S. INCOME TAX PAID: _____

6. SOCIAL SECURITY BENEFITS that the entire family received. Omit educational benefits. (Do not report money included in No. 4 above.):

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

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 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.

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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. 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 27, 2010 to:

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

Application and Financial Aid Info: (916) 274-5815
FAX: (916) 274-5814
EMAIL: application@innerspark.us

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**California State Summer School for the Arts 2010 Program
ATTENDANCE VERIFICATION FORM**

POSTMARK DEADLINE: February 27, 2010, 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 California State Summer School for the Arts (InnerSpark).

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 certification:

I certify that _____

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

_____ school.

Teacher/Counselor Name: _____

Position: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

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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 expect 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 about a 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 InnerSpark in an artistic discipline other than Creative Writing, you must submit a recommendation from an InnerSpark 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 applicants 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.

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- 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 copies of each assignment for the Review Panel.
 5. Send your application assignments to:
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Attention: Creative Writing Department
P.O. Box 1077
Sacramento, CA 95812-1077.