

The Poetry Gauntlet 2023 Application



Thank you for your interest in the **Carnegie Center Poetry Gauntlet**.

ABOUT THE GAUNTLET: The Gauntlet is an intense one-year workshop for poets. Led by poet Christopher McCurry, up to 12 participants will work collaboratively during the 2023 calendar year to draft 100 new poems. Each month, the group will read and discuss a poetry book. Everyone who completes The Gauntlet will receive a Gauntlet challenge coin and be invited to share their work at a reading.

The Gauntlet is open to writers (16 years old and up) of all experience levels. The Gauntlet year runs from January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023.

Gauntlet participants receive:

- 12 generative workshops; you will meet with Christopher McCurry and a community of working writers for 3.5 hours one Saturday a month for one year
- 11 books of poetry and essays on the craft of poetry
- Personal support and accountability as you write 100 poems over the course of the year
- Detailed feedback from Christopher McCurry on a selection (approx. 10 poems) of your works in progress
- Access to two free Carnegie Center classes per season (8 total free courses; some restrictions apply)
- Two Saturday/Sunday day writing retreats in collaboration with students in the Carnegie Center Author Academy
- The opportunity to meet and learn from local established poets who visit during some Saturday workshops
- The opportunity to pitch your manuscript in progress to Accents Publishing and Workhorse
- An invitation to read your work publicly at the end of your Gauntlet year and at annual Gauntlet Reunions
- A challenge coin that you'll receive upon successful completion of your Gauntlet year.

TUITION: \$1,500

IMPORTANT DATES: Applications are due **December 1, 2022**. All applicants will be notified by January 3. A nonrefundable deposit of \$350 will be due by January 15. \$575 will be due on January 30. The remaining \$575 will be due on June 30. Saturday workshop dates will be announced this fall.

SCHOLARSHIPS: In honor of poet and publisher Katerina Stoykova, we offer one poet a free spot in The Gauntlet each year. The scholarship goes to a writer who would have otherwise been excluded for financial reasons. It's in the spirit of Katerina's supportive and giving nature. Scholarship applicants are asked to submit a statement of need with their program application.

APPLICATION: There are two parts to the application. Please scroll down to the “How to Submit Your Application Electronically” section (page 4 of this document) for application instructions.

- 1) The cover sheet (below, page 3 of this document)
- 2) Supplemental materials
 - a. 5-poem writing sample that best represents the work you are currently writing
 - b. *Scholarship applicants only:* statement of need explaining, in as much detail as possible, why you qualify for this need-based scholarship.

QUESTIONS? Contact Sarah Chapman, Carnegie Center Program Director, at sarah@carnegiecenterlex.org

To apply for the 2023 Gauntlet, email all required materials to sarah@carnegiecenterlex.org by Thursday, December 1, 2022.

2023 Gauntlet Application Cover Sheet



All applicants must complete the following and submit using the directions below.

Applicant information:

Name:

Mailing address:

City: State: Zip:

Phone number:

Email address:

Birth date: *Applicants must be 16 years or older as of January 1, 2023.*

Gender (optional):

Ethnicity (optional):

Education (optional):

Tell us about yourself (brief statement of where you are in your career as a writer [i.e., just starting out, published a few poems, working on a second book]):

What is one poetry book that helped shape you as a writer?

Would you like to be considered for financial aid opportunities? (Y/N):

(If YES, please attach a statement of need explaining, in as much detail as possible, why you qualify for this need-based scholarship.)

Without financial aid opportunities, are you still interested in being considered for The Gauntlet? (Y/N):

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How to Submit Your Application Electronically

1. Complete the cover sheet by typing your information in the gray boxes.
2. When finished, click "File," then click "Save As."
3. Save the document with the title "YourFirstName YourLastName Gauntlet 2023 Application" (ex. "Sarah Chapman Gauntlet 2023 Application").
4. Save the document as a .docx (default) or as a PDF.
5. In a separate Word document, type your supplemental materials (listed above in the APPLICATION section). This includes your 5-poem writing sample (all applicants) and your statement of need (scholarship applicants only).
6. Save the document with the title "YourFirstName YourLastName Gauntlet 2023 Supp Materials" (ex. "Sarah Chapman Gauntlet 2023 Supp Materials").
7. Save the document as a .docx (default) or as a PDF.
8. Open your email service. Create a new message, attach the two documents, and send to sarah@carnegiecenterlex.org with the subject line "Gauntlet 2023 Application".

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