

# 2023–2024 Program Application



**ABOUT THE PROGRAM:** The Carnegie Center Author Academy is a 9-month student-driven certificate program that provides writers with the support to grow rapidly in their craft and to prepare their work for publication.

The Author Academy is open to adult writers of all genres and experience levels. The **study year** runs from **September 1, 2023** to **June 1, 2024**.

**Author Academy students receive:**

- 75 hours of one-on-one mentoring with an experienced writing mentor
- Access to all Carnegie Center classes and seminars (some restrictions apply)
- Monthly seminars (for Author Academy students only)
- Free registration to the Carnegie Center Books-in-Progress Conference at the end of the academic year
- Free consultation with a literary agent at the Books-in-Progress Conference

**TUITION:** \$5,500

**SCHOLARSHIPS:** Submit your application by **March 15, 2023** to be considered for need-based scholarship opportunities. To learn more about scholarships, [click here](#).

**QUESTIONS?** Contact Marcia Thornton Jones, Author Academy Coordinator, at [MJones@CarnegieCenterLex.org](mailto:MJones@CarnegieCenterLex.org).

**To apply for the 2023–2024 program with a need-based scholarship,  
all required materials must be received by MARCH 15, 2023.**

**To apply for the 2023–2024 program (without a need-based scholarship),  
all required materials must be received by JULY 15, 2023.**

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**APPLICATION:** Please submit the completed cover sheet (below), responses to supplemental questions, and a writing sample to Marcia Thornton Jones at [MJones@CarnegieCenterLex.org](mailto:MJones@CarnegieCenterLex.org).

**Supplemental questions:**

Record your responses and submit as a separate attachment.

- Please briefly describe your writing history.
- What are your writing goals for the nine-month program?
- How will the Author Academy help you achieve those goals?
- How will working one-on-one with a mentor benefit you?
- Summary of work-in-progress: Please provide a 3-5 paragraph summary of the project you will be working on during the Academy year.

- **Writing sample:** Please include a writing sample that is reflective of your writing style and the genre you will be working on during the Academy year. The sample should be **no longer than 2000 words or no more than five poems that do not exceed a total of 2000 words.**

**For scholarship applicants ONLY, also include:**

- Explain, in as much detail as possible, why you qualify for this need-based scholarship.
- A letter of recommendation from someone who is familiar with your writing, explaining how they know you as a writer and why you are a good candidate for a Carnegie Center Author Academy scholarship is required. Please have your letter of recommendation **emailed by the recommender to [MJones@CarnegieCenterLex.org](mailto:MJones@CarnegieCenterLex.org) BEFORE March 15, 2023.**

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all required materials must be received by MARCH 15, 2023.**

**To apply for the 2023–2024 program,  
all required materials must be received by JULY 15, 2023.**

**To submit via email:**

[MJones@CarnegieCenterLex.org](mailto:MJones@CarnegieCenterLex.org)

**To submit via United States Postal Service (USPS):**

Marcia Thornton Jones  
Carnegie Center for Literacy and Learning  
251 West Second Street  
Lexington, KY 40507

# 2023–2024 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 18 years or older as of September 1, 2023.*

Gender:

Ethnicity:

Education:

Preferred genre:

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

**Without financial aid opportunities, are you still interested in being considered for the Author Academy program? (Y/N):**

## How to Submit Your Application Electronically

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1. Complete the cover sheet by typing your information in the gray boxes.
2. When finished, download the pdf "With your changes".
3. Save the pdf with the title "YourFirstName YourLastName CCAA 2023-2024 Application" (ex. "Marcia ThorntonJones CCAA 2023-2024 Application").
4. Open a blank Word document.
5. In the Word document, type your responses to the supplemental questions listed above in the APPLICATION section. Include your 2000-word writing sample.
6. Save the document with the title "YourFirstName YourLastName CCAA 2023-2024 Supp Materials" (ex. "Marcia ThorntonJones CCAA 2023-2024 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 [MJones@CarnegieCenterLex.org](mailto:MJones@CarnegieCenterLex.org) with the subject line "2023-2024 CCAA Application".
9. If applying for scholarships, be sure to have your letter of recommendation **emailed by the recommender** to [MJones@CarnegieCenterLex.org](mailto:MJones@CarnegieCenterLex.org) before **March 15, 2023**.