

## The Poetry Gauntlet 2024 Application

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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 Sean Corbin, up to 12 participants will work collaboratively during the 2024 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, 2024 through December 31, 2024.

Gauntlet participants receive:

- 12 generative workshops; you will meet with Sean Corbin 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 Sean Corbin 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 15, 2023. All applicants will be notified by January 5. 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 Z Jackson, Carnegie Center Program Director, at [zjackson@carnegiecenterleg.org](mailto:zjackson@carnegiecenterleg.org)

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To apply for the 2024 Gauntlet, email all required materials to [zjackson@carnegiecenterlex.org](mailto:zjackson@carnegiecenterlex.org) by Friday, December 15, 2023.



# 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 2024 Application” (ex. “Z Jackson Gauntlet 2024 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 2024 Supp Materials” (ex. “Z Jackson Gauntlet 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 [zjackson@carnegicenterlex.org](mailto:zjackson@carnegicenterlex.org) with the subject line “Gauntlet 2024 Application”.

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