2013 SUMMER WRITING PROGRAM
Scholarship Guidelines & Requirements

2013 SWP SCHOLARSHIPS:

Zora Neale Hurston Award
The Zora Neale Hurston Award is awarded to students who have experience working with people from diverse cultural and ethnic backgrounds for one session of the Summer Writing Program. The award amount covers partial to full tuition (for all recipients) and housing costs (for out-of-state recipients) for one to four weeks of the Summer Writing Program (credit or noncredit). The award is based on exceptional literary merit and promise as well as financial need.

Aimee Grunberger Award
The Aimee Grunberger Award is awarded to one graduate, undergraduate, or non-credit Summer Writing Program student of nontraditional age who demonstrates excellence in the field of poetry. Applicants should be able to demonstrate their personal, artistic, or professional commitment to furthering respect for the lives and voices of women. The award amount is $500 to be applied to one session of the Summer Writing Program.

Leslie Scalapino Award
The Leslie Scalapino Award will be offered each year to one MFA Writing and Poetics or MFA Creative Writing student attending the Summer Writing Program who has a body of work in the field of experimental postmodern women's poetry and poetics. Applicants must demonstrate financial need, be a United States citizen or permanent resident of the United States, and have a GPA of 3.5 or higher.

kari edwards Award
The Summer Writing Program Scholarship in memory of kari edwards is offered annually to a credit or non-credit student. Eligible applicants must be a U.S. citizen or permanent resident, and be involved in gender activism and writing experimental works.

The Institute of American Indian Arts Award
The Institute of American Indian Arts Award is given annually to one current undergraduate student enrolled at the Institute of American Indian Arts, who will be attending the Summer Writing Program. The award covers full undergraduate tuition for the four weeks of the SWP and includes housing.

FINANCIAL AID REQUIREMENTS:

- Complete Financial Aid Application
  - Each applicant must complete the 2013-14 FAFSA (U.S. citizens and eligible non-citizens) or the Financial Aid Application for International Students by March 1st, 2013
  - If you need assistance completing either application, please contact the Financial Aid Office: finaid@naropa.edu, 303-546-3509

- Enrollment Requirements for Federal Aid
  - Students must be enrolled at least half-time (6 credit hours) for the summer term to be eligible for aid
  - Undergraduates are not enrolled in 6 credit hours until Week Four of the program
  - Graduate students are not enrolled in 6 credit hours until Week Three of the program
Disbursement of Federal Aid
  o Federal regulations prohibit the release of student aid until a student is officially attending at least half-time
  o Students who need their refunds before this time may fill out a Financial Aid Advance Request form from the Financial Aid Office. The earliest a student may receive an advance is at the end of Week One of the Summer Writing Program

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS:
1. Complete the 2013 Summer Writing Program Scholarship Application
2. Provide the following information for each scholarship you’re applying for:
   o Personal letter:
     ▪ 500-700 words in length, discussing the following areas:
     ▪ Your contributions and activities within the Jack Kerouac School, the university, and/or the local/national artistic community
     ▪ Recent accomplishments, current projects, or publications of your work
     ▪ Your interest in attending the Summer Writing Program
     ▪ If you are applying for the Zora Neale Hurston, Aimee Grunberger, kari edwards or Leslie Scalapino Awards, additional information regarding your experience with specific populations should be included
   o Writing Sample:
     ▪ 5-10 pages of your current poetry, prose, or translation
   o All documents should be saved in .pdf, .rtf or .doc format

Students applying for more than one scholarship should include one personal letter that addresses all pertinent requirements for each scholarship applied for and a single writing sample that best represents the student’s work. Only one SWP Scholarship Application is required.

APPLICATION DEADLINE:
April 1st, 2013 by 5:00pm Mountain Time

NOTIFICATION OF AWARDS:
Decisions will be made by the Financial Aid Office in conjunction with a Scholarship Committee comprised of the Artistic Director and Manager of the Summer Writing Program. Decisions will be based on the quality of the individual’s work, activities with the department/university, current projects/publications, and financial need. Decisions on all awards will be made by May 1st, 2013. All applicants will be notified via email in May.

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