2015 SUMMER WRITING PROGRAM
Scholarship Guidelines & Requirements

SWP SCHOLARSHIPS:
Zora Neale Hurston Award
The Zora Neale Hurston Award is awarded to selected students who identify with, or who have
experience working with, people from diverse cultural and ethnic backgrounds. 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. Students from diverse cultural and ethnic
backgrounds are strongly encouraged to apply.

Leslie Scalapino Award
The Leslie Scalapino Award will be offered each year to one MFA Creative 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 one credit or
non-credit student accepted into Naropa University’s Summer Writing Program. 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 in Snow
Lion at the shared room rate.

Wanda Coleman Award
The Wanda Coleman Award will be awarded to one BA student in Creative Writing and Literature or
MFA student in Creative Writing and Poetics who is attending the Summer Writing Program, and who is
outspoken and articulate about the issues of feminism, peace, justice, racial and gender equality.

FINANCIAL AID REQUIREMENTS:
• Complete Financial Aid Application
  o Each applicant must complete the 2014-15 FAFSA with complete 2013 tax information (U.S.
citizens and eligible non-citizens) by April 1st, 2015
  o International students should complete the 2014-15 Financial Aid Application for
    International Students by April 1st, 2015
  o If you need assistance completing either application, please contact the Financial Aid Office:
    finaid@naropa.edu, 303-546-3509
• Enrollment Requirements for Federal Aid
  o Students must be enrolled at least half-time (6 credit hours) for the summer term to be
    eligible for aid
  o Undergraduates must be enrolled all four weeks of the SWP to earn 6 credits
o Graduate students must be enrolled in at least 3 of the 4 weeks to earn at least 6 credits
o Failure to maintain half-time enrollment during the summer term could result in loss of aid eligibility and a balance due to Naropa

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS:
1. Complete the 2015 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, 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
3. 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, 2015

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, 2015. All applicants will be notified via email in May.

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