

UCLA EXTENSION WRITERS' PROGRAM SCHOLARSHIP 2013-2014

The UCLA Extension Writers' Program Scholarship seeks to acknowledge and foster the talent of promising writers from diverse backgrounds and cultures who might otherwise not have the opportunity to study their craft in a supportive educational environment. Up to ten scholars are named annually, and each of the ten recipients is given the opportunity to enroll in three full-length Writers' Program courses during a one-year period (mentorships, master classes, Writers Studio workshops, and 20-week courses are excluded). Courses may be taken either onsite or online but cannot be deferred for any reason.

Eligibility

In order to be considered eligible for the UCLA Extension Writers' Program Scholarship, applicants must:

- Have gross income not to exceed \$2500 a month per individual. For households with more than one individual, add 10% for each additional person.
- Be a U.S. citizen or eligible non-citizen with a green card

The following applicants are considered ineligible:

- UCLA employees and their family members or dependents
- MA, MFA, and PhD graduates in Creative Writing, Screenwriting, Literature, or Journalism
- Students pursuing a degree *in any field*
- International students
- Former Writers' Program Scholarship recipients

Application Process

To be considered for the 2013-14 academic year, all of the following must be submitted. Deadline is 5pm, 6/28/13.

- A completed application form
- Responses to the two essay questions
- Two letters of recommendation (see attached recommendation form). Recommendations may be from current or former employers, college professors, or leaders of volunteer or civic organizations with whom you have worked.
- A signed copy of your 2012 Federal Income Tax Return with all schedules and worksheets (IRS form 1040, 1040A, 1040EZ, or 1040TEL, and W-2 forms). If you were claimed as a dependent on your parents' tax return, you must submit a signed copy of your parents' 2012 Federal Income Tax Return.
- A copy of the Student Aid Report (SAR) from the 2013-14 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) at www.fafsa.ed.gov. ***NOTE: It can take anywhere from 3 days to 2 weeks to get your SAR, so fill out your FAFSA early. SARs will not be accepted after the deadline.***
Where it asks for School Code etc., use the information in the box below.

Federal School Code	Name of College	College Street Address	State	Housing
001315	University of California, Los Angeles	405 Hilgard Avenue	CA	Off-Campus

- If you are currently unemployed and/or receiving public assistance, current documentation dated within the past 30 days verifying your source of income and monthly entitlement is required.
- The application checklist
- The \$10 application fee, to be paid online via this link:
<https://www.uclaextension.edu/pages/MiscellaneousFee.aspx?reg=223441>

Eligibility criteria will be reviewed and confirmed for all scholarship recipients. Applications may be hand-delivered or sent via US Mail. See Application Checklist for mailing addresses. Faxed or email submissions will not be accepted. Only complete applications will be considered; materials cannot be returned. UCLA Extension reserves the right to request additional financial documentation.

Scholarship recipients will be notified of their acceptance no later than August 12, 2013. Awards consist of any three courses within the Writers' Program (excluding the Writers Studio, mentorships, master classes and 20-week courses) to be taken between fall 2013 and summer 2014. Courses cannot be deferred for any reason.

If you have questions regarding the UCLA Extension Writers' Program Scholarship, contact Katy Flaherty at kflaherty@uclaextension.edu or (310) 825-9415. For questions regarding Financial Aid, contact 310/825-4246 or finaid@uclaextension.edu.

**UCLA Extension Writers' Program Scholarship, 2013-2014
APPLICATION FORM**

Applicant's Name: _____

Gender (optional): Male ____ Female ____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Daytime Phone: _____

Email Address: _____

Ethnicity (Optional):

African American	_____	Latino/Hispanic	_____
Asian American	_____	Middle Eastern	_____
Caucasian	_____	Native American	_____
		Other:	_____

Education Level (include major and year of graduation where applicable):

High School _____ AA _____ BA _____

MA _____ MFA _____ Phd _____

If you are awarded a 2013-14 scholarship, in which genre(s) do you expect to study? (fiction, creative nonfiction, poetry, playwriting, feature film writing, television writing)

Are there any personal or professional obligations that might prevent you from completing three full-length writing courses between September 2013 and August 2014? If so, please describe them here.

Please list any formal writing instruction (classes, workshops, etc) you have had and tell us where and when the instruction took place.

I certify that all information contained within this application packet is true, complete, and accurate. I give permission to UCLA Extension to share my application materials with the Scholarship Review Committee and to confirm my eligibility for the scholarship.

Applicant's Signature: _____

Date: _____

UCLA Extension Writers' Program Scholarship, 2013-2014
Essay Questions

Applicant's Name: _____

Please answer the two questions below. If additional pages are used, be sure your name is on each page. Your response for each question should not exceed 250 words. Answers should be typed in 12 pt. font and double-spaced.

- 1.) The UCLA Extension Writers' Program Scholarship recognizes emerging and talented writers who lack access to writing education opportunities. Please tell us in what way you lack access and how becoming a recipient of a Writers' Program Scholarship will help you realize your writing goals.

- 2.) Tell us about a quality, skill, or attribute that distinguishes you from other aspiring writers. Why should you be chosen as one of this year's scholarship recipients?

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Recommendation Form (2 Required) - 1 of 2**

This form is to be completed in full by a previous or current employer, teacher, former college professor, mentor, or leader of a volunteer or civic organization with whom the applicant has worked. A letter of recommendation on the recommender's letterhead is also acceptable as long as it addresses all the information requested below:

Applicant's Name: _____

Recommender's Name: _____

Recommender's Title: _____

Recommender's Email Address: _____ Daytime Phone: _____

1) Describe your relationship to the applicant and tell us how long you have known him or her.

2) Write a brief statement telling us why you feel this applicant should be considered for a UCLA Extension Writers' Program Scholarship.

Signature of Recommender: _____

Date: _____

Recommendation forms or letters may be mailed separate from the application packet to Katy Flaherty, UCLA Extension Writers' Program, 10995 LeConte Ave., #440, Los Angeles, CA 90024.

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Recommendation Form (2 Required) - 2 of 2

This form is to be completed in full by a previous or current employer, teacher, former college professor, mentor, or leader of a volunteer or civic organization with whom the applicant has worked. A letter of recommendation on the recommender's letterhead is also acceptable as long as it addresses all the information requested below:

Applicant's Name: _____

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CHECKLIST AND PAYMENT FORM**

Applicant's Name _____ **Daytime Phone** _____

Applicant's Address _____ **City** _____ **Zip** _____

Email Address _____

Please be sure your application includes the following materials. Incomplete applications cannot be considered.

- Application Form
- 2 letters of Recommendation
- Responses to Essay Questions
- A copy of your 2012 Federal Tax Return with all schedules and worksheets
- A copy of your FAFSA Student Aid Report (SAR)
- A copy of your Green Card if you are not a U.S. citizen
- Verification of Income (if unemployed or receiving public assistance)
- This checklist
- The \$10 application fee, to be paid online via this link:
<https://www.uclaextension.edu/pages/MiscellaneousFee.aspx?reg=223441>

Send all materials to:

UCLA Extension Writers' Program Scholarship
10995 LeConte Ave., Room 440
Los Angeles, CA 90024
Attn: Katy Flaherty

Only complete applications will be reviewed. Materials cannot be returned; make copies for your records.

THE DEADLINE TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION FOR THE 2013-2014 ACADEMIC YEAR IS 5 PM ON JUNE 28, 2013.

Applicants may include a self-addressed stamped postcard for confirmation of receipt of materials. Phone calls or emails regarding receipt of materials will not be accepted. Finalists will be notified no later than August 12, 2013. Fall quarter begins Monday, September 23, 2013.

Application requirements are subject to change based on University policies and guidelines.