

## **Teen Creative Writing Residency at Atlantic Center for the Arts 2008**

**Sunday, July 13 – Saturday, July 26, 2008  
Atlantic Center for the Arts, New Smyrna Beach, Florida**

*Do You Live to Write?*

*We want to hear YOUR voice!*

*Join other teens for an intensive ten-day writing residency with acclaimed Master Writers at the world renowned Atlantic Center for the Arts.*

### **The Residency**

Atlantic Center for the Arts' Teen Creative Writing Residency is a one-of-kind multi-genre summer writing residency that offers teens writing workshops and mentorship by distinguished authors in poetry, fiction, and memoir, on the grounds of a breathtakingly beautiful ecological preserve.

The Teen Creative Writing Residency will be held at Atlantic Center from July 6 through July 20, 2008, offering 21 teens from around the country an extraordinary opportunity to explore and expand the power of their individual voices through writing workshops with Master Writers.

The program will take place on the east coast of central Florida, at Atlantic Center's renowned artists-in-residence facility. Located on 69 pristine acres, surrounded by a 2,200 acre preserve, and near New Smyrna's beautiful white sand beaches and the 57,000 acre Canaveral National Seashore, Atlantic Center is a tranquil yet stimulating setting that has inspired artists from around the world for over a quarter of a century.

### **Residency Schedule**

Teen writers will join three Master Writers-in-Residence, one in each of the following genres — poetry, fiction, and memoir. Strengthen your skills in your preferred genre, while you explore and experiment with other forms of literature. The mentorship with the Master Writers-in-Residence will be the focus, but the chance to have conversations with the other Visiting Writers and participating Teen Writers will be invaluable.

Classes meet Monday-Friday for two hours of workshops. Teen writers will have the opportunity to focus on one genre, while also exploring the other forms of literature through workshops and conversation.

In addition to the literary workshops, Teen Writers will have the chance to enjoy the local area during their downtime. Activities will include regular trips to New Smyrna's white sand beaches and Canaveral National Seashore. A guided boat trip and eco-tour on local waterways, evening events with guest writers and readings, a poetry slam open to all, as well as bike rides, yoga, a photography workshop will also be on the agenda. Chaperones will be on-site 24-hours a day throughout the residency.

### **Tuition**

\$750 for ten-day residency. Includes instruction, accommodation, meals, and all amenities.

### **Facilities and Housing**

Atlantic Center for the Arts is located on 69 acres in New Smyrna Beach and represents the interaction between nature, environment and creativity. Teen writers will reside in two buildings containing 28 private housing units (4 handicap-accessible), located a short walk from the studios and furnished with double bed, private bathroom, work desk, small refrigerator, and linens. Atlantic Center's award-winning studio complex includes seven artists' studios and a digital media lab, dining hall, library, administration building, and the new 5,000 square foot Pabst Visitor Center & Gallery. With the exception of the housing units, the campus is entirely wireless.

### **About New Smyrna Beach**

New Smyrna Beach is a quiet seaside retreat on Florida's east central coast, located at the mouth of the Ponce de Leon Inlet. The Inlet serves as the gateway to the historic and picturesque Indian River-Intracoastal Waterway. Bounded at the south by the 57,000-acre Canaveral National Seashore and at the north by Smyrna Dunes Park, New Smyrna Beach is a refuge for many endangered species of wildlife. For more information visit [www.visitnsb.com](http://www.visitnsb.com)???????

### **Master Writers-in-Residence**

- **Poetry**
- **Fiction**
- **Memoir**

### **Admission**

The selection process for the unique literary residency opportunity will be competitive. Atlantic Center for the Arts receives the applications, and a panel of judges evaluates writing samples. As class sizes are kept small to provide the highest quality instruction, not all qualified writers may be accepted.

### **APPLICATION PROCEDURE**

#### **Application Deadline: March 10, 2008**

Faxed or electronic applications will not be considered. Applications received after this date will be considered only if space is still available.

#### **Applications must be typewritten and should include the following:**

##### **1. Cover Letter**

- Your name, address, age, phone number(s)
- Name of the genre (poetry, fiction, nonfiction) of your Writing Sample
- Special medical, dietary, or physical requirements that we should know about
- Telephone number of parent or guardian

##### **2. Statement of Intent: Why do you want to attend this residency? (1 page)**

##### **3. Writing Sample: 3 pages**

Your writing sample should be in your preferred genre. You may include more than one genre in your sample (for example, 1 poem, and 2 pages of fiction), but the entire sample is limited to 3 pages.

- Submit two copies of your writing sample with your application.
- All sheets must be 8½ x 11 paper.
- Submission must be typed on one side of the sheet: double-space for prose, single-spaced for poetry.
- Do not use staples, fancy binders, or odd-sized sheets. These will be discarded.
- Paper clips or binder clips are acceptable.
- Do not send more pages than required; surplus pages will not be processed.
- Please keep a copy of your submission. Do not send original copies of your work.

#### **4. Scholarship Support**

To apply for full or partial scholarship support for tuition, include a brief paragraph, no more than two paragraphs, stating your financial situation and the amount of assistance you are requesting. A limited number of travel stipends are also available.

**Mail to the following address:** Teen Creative Writing Residency, Atlantic Center for the Arts, New Smyrna Beach, Florida 32168. Applications must be received by March 10, 2008.

Letters of acceptance will be mailed the first week in May.

#### **Sponsorship**

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