

## THE CLAIRE CARMICHAEL SCHOLARSHIP IN NOVEL WRITING

2017

This scholarship is named for Claire Carmichael, a UCLA Extension Distinguished Instructor who has taught more than 90 courses and mentorships for the Writers' Program since 1994, and who has helped numerous students get their work published. Ms. Carmichael created this scholarship to acknowledge promising novelists and to provide a financial opportunity for them to study their craft and work on their novels-in-progress in a supportive educational environment. Up to six scholars are named annually based on the strength of their writing, and each scholar selects three full-length Writers' Program courses to be taken during a one-year period.

At the close of the year-long program, the six scholars are given the opportunity to submit their best 75-100 pages for judging. One manuscript will be chosen from the entries, based on the quality of the writing and its potential for completion and ultimate publication. The winner receives a two-month, one-on-one mentorship with Lynn Hightower (a \$2,590 value). The recipient will be featured in an article on the Writers' Program website and an excerpt of his or her novel-in-progress will be included.

### I. ELIGIBILITY

In order to be eligible to apply for the Claire Carmichael Scholarship in Novel Writing, you must:

- Have completed at least one full-length (10-week) course in novel writing or at least one session of the Mentorship Program in the Writers' Program within the past 18 months (March 2016-September 2017)
- Have at least 10 pages of a novel-in-progress (young adult, genre, and literary fiction is included)

### II. YOU ARE INELIGIBLE TO APPLY IF YOU:

- Hold an advanced degree in creative writing (MA, MFA, PhD, etc.)
- Are a professional writer, defined as anyone who has received payment for a traditionally published novel
- Are a 2016-17 recipient of the Phyllis Gebauer Scholarship in Writing or the 2017 Allegra Johnson Prize in Novel Writing
- Are a UCLA employee or the family member or dependent of a UCLA employee

### III. SUBMISSION PROCESS

All of the following must be received via email at [writers@uclaextension.edu](mailto:writers@uclaextension.edu) by 3 pm on August 31, 2017:

- An emailed PDF of your completed and electronically signed application form (page 3 of this document)
- An emailed PDF of your responses to the essay prompts
- An emailed PDF of your 10 best consecutive pages of your novel-in-progress\*

Manuscripts must be written in English. Each page should be numbered, typed in 12-point Times New Roman font, and double-spaced with one-inch margins.

Identify each page of your manuscript and essay responses as follows:

- Essay – last four digits of your Social Security Number (“Essay – 1234”)
- “Submission – last four digits of your SSN” (“Submission – 1234”)

**Your name should not appear anywhere on either your manuscript or essay responses.**

Eligibility criteria will be reviewed and confirmed for all scholarship recipients.

\*Please do not submit more than 10 pages as they will not be distributed to judges.

Email Address for PDFs:

[writers@uclaextension.edu](mailto:writers@uclaextension.edu)

Be sure to put "Claire Carmichael Scholarship" in the subject line of your email.

**Complete applications must be received no later than 3 PM PST on Thursday, August 31, 2017.**

**Exceptions to the deadline cannot be made for any reason. Only complete applications will be considered; materials cannot be returned.**

#### **IV. SELECTION PROCESS**

1. Each 10-page submission will be read by the Scholarship Review Committee which shall be comprised of UCLA Extension Writers' Program instructors. Six scholars will be chosen from all submissions based on writing ability and the strength of the responses to the essay prompts.
2. After completion of the three courses, but no later than January 28, 2019, the six scholars may submit 75-100 pages of their novel-in-progress. Benefactor Claire Carmichael will select one of the six scholars to win additional prizes (see section V), based on the quality of the writing and the manuscript's potential for publication. The winner will be notified by email by February 28, 2019.

#### **V. PRIZES**

1. Each of the six recipients will be given three complimentary full-length Writers' Program courses to be taken within four quarters (Winter 2018 – Fall 2018). Courses may be taken either onsite or online but cannot be deferred for any reason. Mentorships, master classes, and Writers Studio workshops are excluded. The six scholars will be notified of their acceptance no later than October 27, 2017 and will be featured in an article on the Writers' Program website.

One recipient is given a two-month mentorship\*\* with instructor Lynn Hightower (a \$2,590 value), who has mentored more than 100 Writers' Program students since 2012. The recipient will be featured in an article on the Writers' Program website and an excerpt of his or her novel-in-progress will be included. Application requirements are subject to change based on University policies and guidelines.

\*\*Mentorships do not have to be taken in two consecutive months but they must be completed in the same calendar year in which they are awarded.

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2017 Application

Applicant's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Last four digits of social security number \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Daytime Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

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

High School \_\_\_\_\_ Associate's \_\_\_\_\_ Bachelor's \_\_\_\_\_

Master's \_\_\_\_\_ PhD/JD \_\_\_\_\_

There are no personal or professional obligations that might prevent me from completing three full-length writing courses between Winter 2018 and Fall 2018.

I do not have an advanced degree in Creative Writing.

I am not a recipient of the 2016-2017 Phyllis Gebauer Scholarship in Writing or the 2017 Allegra Johnson Prize in Memoir Writing

I am not a UCLA employee or the family member or dependent of a UCLA employee

I have completed the following course which meets the eligibility requirements for the Claire Carmichael Scholarship in Novel Writing (include quarter completed):

Number \_\_\_\_\_ Title \_\_\_\_\_

Instructor \_\_\_\_\_ Quarter \_\_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_\_

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 confirm my eligibility for the scholarship.

Applicant's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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### 2017 Essay Prompts

(Please include your responses as a separate PDF.)

Essays should be typed in 12 pt. Times New Roman font, double-spaced with 1 inch margins, and should not exceed 250 words each. Please include the last four digits of your SSN at the top of each page.

1. Please tell us in what way you lack access to writing education opportunities that will help you finish your novel, and how becoming a recipient of a Claire Carmichael 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?