

PHYLLIS GEBAUER SCHOLARSHIP IN WRITING, 2023–2024

The Phyllis Gebauer Scholarship in Writing acknowledges and fosters 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. Phyllis Gebauer is a beloved instructor who began teaching in the Writers' Program in 1994. She was passionate about providing underserved communities with access to education. When she passed away in 2011, she left the Writers' Program a generous gift which funds this needs-based scholarship program. Up to six scholars are named annually, and each recipient is given the opportunity to enroll in three 10-week Writers' Program courses in creative writing or screenwriting during a one-year period (Master Classes, Pro-Series, 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 Phyllis Gebauer Scholarship in Writing, applicants must:

- Have a gross income that does not exceed the HUD Very Low Income level: \$41,700 in 2022 for a single-person household or \$59,550 for a family of four. See <http://www.laalmnac.com/social/so24.php> for details.
- Be a U.S. citizen or eligible non-citizen with a green card.

You are ineligible to apply if you are:

- A UCLA employee or a family member or dependent of a UCLA employee
- An MA, MFA, or PhD graduate in creative writing, screenwriting, journalism or playwriting
- Pursuing a degree in *any field*
- An international student
- A former Writers' Program Scholarship recipient
- A former PEN Emerging Voices Fellow

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

CONTACT INFORMATION

If you have questions regarding the Phyllis Gebauer Scholarship in Writing, please contact Jennie Seidewand at writers@uclaextension.edu or (310) 825-9415. For questions regarding financial aid, contact (310) 825-4246 or finaid@uclaextension.edu.

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APPLICATION PROCESS AND REQUIREMENTS

To be considered for the 2023–2024 academic year, all of the following must be received by **5pm PT on June 16, 2023**. Applications must be completed via this link: <https://writersprogram.submittable.com/submit>. We encourage all applicants to apply early.

The following items are **required** to complete your application.

- **Completed and signed Phyllis Gebauer Scholarship application form** (page 3)
- **Responses to two essay questions**
Essays must be typed in 12-point Times New Roman font, double-spaced with one-inch margins, and should not exceed 250 words each. Be sure to include your name at the top of each page.
 - **Essay 1:** The Phyllis Gebauer Scholarship in Writing recognizes emerging and talented writers who lack access to writing education opportunities. What is your current writing goal, and how would this scholarship remove barriers to achieving it?
 - **Essay 2:** Tell us about a quality, skill, or attribute you possess that will foster your success in reaching your writing goals.

- **A signed copy of your 2022 Federal Tax Return with all schedules and worksheets (IRS form 1040, 1040A, 1040EZ, or 1040TEL, and W-2 forms)**
Please redact your social security number for privacy. If you were claimed as a dependent on your parent's tax forms, you must also submit a copy of your parents' 2022 Federal Income Tax Return.

- **A copy of your 2023–2024 FAFSA Student Aid Report (SAR)**
You are required to submit a copy of the 2023–2024 Student Aid Report (SAR) Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) with your application, available from <https://studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa>. The SAR is **not** the same as the FAFSA summary page you receive immediately after submitting your FAFSA application. It can take anywhere from three days to two weeks to get your SAR, so fill out your FAFSA early. SARs will not be accepted after the deadline. For the School Code and related details, 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 |

- **One letter of recommendation. Recommenders must email their letter to writers@uclaextension.edu with the subject line: "Attention: Jennie."** Recommendations may be from previous or current employers, teachers or professors, mentors, or leaders of volunteer or civic organizations with whom you have worked. All recommendation letters should be typed in 12-point font on the recommender's letterhead and should describe their relationship to you, how long they have known you, and why they feel you should be considered for a Phyllis Gebauer Scholarship in Writing. Recommenders should submit their letters directly to writers@uclaextension.edu.
- **A copy of your Green Card if you are not a U.S. Citizen**
- **Verification of income if unemployed or receiving public assistance dated within 30 days**

Only complete applications received by **5pm PT on June 16, 2023** via [Submittable](https://writersprogram.submittable.com/submit) will be reviewed. UCLA Extension reserves the right to request additional financial or other documentation. Application requirements are subject to change based on University policies and guidelines.

Finalists will be notified no later than **August 31, 2023**. Awards consist of any three 10-week courses within the Writers' Program (Master Classes, Pro-Series, Writers Studio workshops, and 20-week courses are excluded) to be taken between fall 2023 and summer 2024. Fall Quarter begins Monday, September 25, 2023. Courses cannot be deferred for any reason.

**PHYLLIS GEBAUER SCHOLARSHIP IN WRITING, 2023-2024
Application Form**

Applicant's Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone Number: _____ Email: _____

Highest Education Level:

- High School AA BA MA MFA PhD

Major/Year of Graduation: _____

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, accurate, and that I meet all of the eligibility criteria listed on page 1. 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: _____