2019 - 2020 Fran Abrams Creative Writing Award Application Form

You can find a PDF of the 2019 - 2020 Guidelines [here](https://www.creativemoco.com/sites/default/myfiles/2019-2020%20Abrams%20Award%20Guidelines_2.pdf).

**All applications must be submitted online through FluidReview. AHCMC cannot accept applications submitted by mail or email.**

# Applicant Overview

# Do you live in Montgomery County?

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|  | Yes |
|  | No |

# Are you enrolled full-time for fall of 2019 and spring of 2020 as a junior in a Montgomery County high school or home-schooled in Montgomery County?

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|  | Yes, I'm a junior in a Montgomery County high school |
|  | Yes, I'm a junior as a home-schooled student |
|  | No, I'm not a junior |

# Will you be graduating high school in spring of 2021?

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|  | That's the plan |
|  | No |

# If you answered "No" to any of the above questions, unfortunately you are not eligible for this award.

# Student Information

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| **First Name** |  |
| **Last Name** |  |
| **Preferred Pronouns** | |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | |  | He/Him/His |  | She/Her/Hers |  | They/Them/Theirs |  | Prefer not to answer | | |
| **Home Address** |  |
| **City** |  |
| **State** |  |
| **Zip Code** |  |
| **Email Address** |  |
| **Phone Number** |  |

# Creative Writing Disciplines

Please check all that apply. If you have any questions about how your work fits within the listed disciplines, please reach out to Ana-Alicia Feng, Grants Program Coordinator, at [AnaAlicia.Feng@creativemoco.com](mailto:AnaAlicia.Feng@creativemoco.com) or (301) 565-3805 ext. 21

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| □ | Poetry |
| □ | Fiction |
| □ | Creative Nonfiction |
| □ | Songwriting |
| □ | Screenplay Writing |

# School Information

All students must fill out the information below. If you are a home-schooled student and a field is not applicable, please put “N/A.”

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| **High School** |  |
| **High School Address** |  |
| **City** |  |
| **State** |  |
| **Zip Code** |  |
| **Current English Teacher Name** |  |
| **English Teacher Email** |  |

# Activities & Relevant Skills (25 points)

This criterion will measure the extent to which the applicant:

* Clearly describes extracurricular activities, creative writing activities outside of school, and other obligations, which can include paid work and family obligations, such as caring for a family member
  + If the applicant does not participate in any extracurricular activities, please provide a statement explaining why
* Demonstrates interest in developing skills that will serve the applicant in a career and/or further academic study of literary arts/creative writing

# Are you involved in any extracurricular activities or other commitments outside of school? Describe your involvement in these activities over the past two years.

These can include, but are not limited to, clubs, creative writing endeavors outside of school, work experience, or providing care for family members. Be sure to highlight leadership roles you have taken and honors or awards you have received. If you do not participate in any extracurricular activities, please provide a statement explaining why.

# How do you see these activities being beneficial for a career in creative writing or in pursuing further academic study in creative writing?

What skills have you learned from the activities stated above? What kinds of skills do you think will serve you best to continue to study creative writing? Example skills include, but are not limited to, time management, leadership, problem solving, teamwork, and technical writing.

# Career Goals (25 points)

This criterion will measure the extent to which the applicant:

* Demonstrates commitment to the artistic discipline
* Provides clear statement of goals for a creative writing career
* Outlines specific steps that the applicant has taken or will take to achieve these goals

# How did you come to enjoy creative writing? Include your background and experience with literary arts/creative writing.

# What are the goals you have established to pursue a creative writing career? Explain the specific steps you have taken, or will take, to achieve your goals.

# Technical Skills (25 points)

This criterion will measure the extent to which the applicant:

* Provides a description of skills, techniques used, and learning objectives
* Effectively reflects a tone and mood appropriate to the material in the work samples
* Presents work sample(s) in a professional manner, including correct spelling, grammar, and syntax

# What skills and techniques did you use throughout your work samples?

# If selected, which pieces or passages from your work samples would you choose to read and why?

# Originality & Creativity (25 points)

This criterion will measure the extent to which the applicant:

* Demonstrates creativity, originality, and strong conceptualization
* Shows versatility by challenging standard clichés and/or genre boundaries, and/or notions of how a particular concept or emotion can be expressed
* Explains themes and patterns present throughout the work

# What is your writing process?

# How did you conceptualize your work samples?

What are the key concepts and emotions that you explore through your work samples, and how are they expressed?

# How do you demonstrate creativity and originality in your work?

Such as blurring boundaries between genres, challenging literary clichés, expressing concepts and emotions in innovative ways, etc. Be sure to relate your answer to your work samples.