

Dear Applicant:

We're happy to hear of your interest in the MFA Program in Creative Writing at Saint Mary's College, and we look forward to receiving your application.

Application to the MFA Program consists of the following:

- The completed application form, including your Statement of Purpose. Your Statement of Purpose should be at least two (2) but no more than five (5) single-spaced typewritten pages. In it, you should describe in detail your background and current interests as a writer, as well as your ability and commitment to undertake graduate education at this time. If you're applying in two genres, please address your abilities and experiences with regard to both.
- A minimum of two letters of recommendation from people who are familiar with you and your work. These may be mailed directly to the MFA Program by the recommender, or you may send them with your application materials in a sealed envelope signed by the recommender.
- Official transcripts from the degree-granting colleges you have previously attended, with proof of a Bachelor's degree. (Please note on your application if the name on your transcript is different from your current name.)
- A manuscript of your work in the genre in which you are applying: no more than 10 pages of poetry or 25 pages of fiction or nonfiction. (Fiction and nonfiction writing samples should be double-spaced. All writing samples should be in 12-point font.) This manuscript will not be returned.
- A \$50 application fee must accompany the application. Make checks payable to Saint Mary's College.

Send applications to: MFA Program in Creative Writing
Saint Mary's College
P.O. Box 4686
Moraga, CA 94575-4686

The deadline for receipt of all of these materials is **January 31, 2010** for admission in the fall of 2010.

If you have any questions about the program or application process, please contact me (at the phone number or email below) or our Program Coordinator, Thomas Cooney, at 925-631-4762 or writers@stmarys-ca.edu. In the meantime, we look forward to receiving your application and welcoming you to our campus.

Sincerely,

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