



THE JAMES MERRILL HOUSE PROGRAM

## James Merrill Writer-in-Residence Application Process

### Selection Criteria:

- A writer or scholar with a specific project of literary or academic merit who is committed to full-time residence in Stonington during his or her stay. We regret that the residency is not intended for completion of one's dissertation.
- A person willing to contribute to the community. It is expected that this will include a reading or lecture for the community. Previous fellows have conducted classes at the local high schools, workshops for interested local writers, and/or small discussion groups.

We welcome suggestions from applicants about other ways in which they might reinforce the community's links to writing, poetry, and Merrill's legacy.

- A person of integrity and responsibility who can be entrusted with the Merrill Apartment and its contents.

### Application Packet:

Application packets and letters of recommendation should be sent to us at [writer@jamesmerrillhouse.org](mailto:writer@jamesmerrillhouse.org). Applications should be forwarded as a single PDF file. Please direct inquiries about the application process or application status to [writer@jamesmerrillhouse.org](mailto:writer@jamesmerrillhouse.org).

Applications for the 2011-2012 term, full or half year, must be received no later than 15 January 2011. We are sorry that we can no longer receive application material by mail. All applications must be submitted via email.

A complete application includes the following documents:

1. Completed applicant information form.
2. A brief biographical sketch and a CV of no more than four pages.
3. A writing or work sample of no more than ten pages.
4. A statement of your plan of work whilst in Stonington.
5. Some thoughts on how you might contribute to the local community.
6. Three current letters of recommendation from people who know you well and can attest to your personal and professional qualifications for the program. These must be references specifically for this program.
7. If applicable, a brief biographical sketch of a spouse or partner who would be residing in the apartment with you.

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Applicant Information . 2011-2012

Name of Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_

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

\_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Best phone contact: \_\_\_\_\_ Day \_\_\_\_\_ Night \_\_\_\_\_

Secondary phone contact: \_\_\_\_\_ Day \_\_\_\_\_ Night \_\_\_\_\_

Name of person to reside in the Merrill Apartment with applicant (if pertinent):

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Desired term of residency:

\_\_\_\_\_ Fall 2011 (1 September to mid-January)

\_\_\_\_\_ Spring 2012 (mid-January to late May)

\_\_\_\_\_ Nine month term 2011-2012 (1 September to late May)

Please put a 1, 2 or 3 next to each option to indicate first, second, or third choices, or use NP or leave blank to indicate if a particular term is not possible.

Please note that length and exact dates of residencies are made each year and may vary according to the needs of the applicants and the Merrill House Committee. Specific dates for the residency periods are available upon request.

Please list the names and address of those you have asked to write letters of recommendation:

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_

Please see the previous page for submission instructions.