



MUSEUM & WRITER-IN-RESIDENCE 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 by means of a public event like a reading or lecture. Previous fellows have given also conducted classes at local schools, led workshops for local writers, and/or organized small discussion groups.
- A person of integrity and responsibility who can be entrusted with the Merrill Apartment and its contents.
- We welcome suggestions from applicants about other ways in which our fellows might reinforce the community's links to writing, poetry, and James Merrill's legacy.

Application:

Applications:

Should be forwarded as a single PDF file to applications@jamesmerrillhouse.org. Letters of recommendation should be sent electronically to the same address.

Applications (for both brief and extended residencies) must be accompanied by a \$30 application fee paid to the Merrill House Committee via PayPal using the DONATE button on the website. Applications for the 2012-2013 term will be accepted between 1 October 2011 and 15 January 2012.

Letters of recommendation:

May be sent as a PDF or a Word document attachment. Please have the individual forwarding the recommendation add your name to the subject line. Please do not forward the recommendation in the body of an email.

Please direct inquiries about the application process or application status to writer@jamesmerrillhouse.org.

A complete application includes the following documents:

1. Completed applicant information form.
2. A CV of no more than four pages.
3. A writing sample of no more than ten pages.
4. A statement of your plan of work while in Stonington.
5. Some thoughts on how you might contribute to the local community.
6. Two current letters of recommendation.
7. If applicable, a brief biographical sketch of a spouse or partner who would be residing in the apartment with you.
8. A \$30 application fee.

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Applicant Information . 2012-2013

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):

Desired term of residency:

_____ Fall 2012. We will offer three Brief Residencies of 2-6 weeks in duration. The specific dates for these residencies will be determined by the needs of the applicants and the Merrill House Committee.

_____ Preferred Month. Please indicate the month(s) in the fall 2012 that are your 1st and 2nd choices/

_____ Spring 2013 (Mid-January to the end of May)

Please put a 1 or 2 next to each option to indicate first or second choice.

The stipend for the Spring 4-1/2 month term will be \$5000. Smaller stipends will be offered for the Brief Residencies.

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

1. _____

2. _____

How did you learn about James Merrill Writer-in-Residence program?

Please see the previous page for submission instructions.