

# RACINE WRITER-IN-RESIDENCE APPLICATION

(For July 1, 2021 – December 31, 2021 Residency)

The Racine Writer-In-Residence (WIR) program is an initiative founded by ArtRoot (a collaboration of artists and arts advocates who are determined to reinvigorate Racine, WI through the arts), supported by the Racine Literacy Council (RLC), and funded by a generous grant from the Osborne & Scekic Family Foundation. Currently, during the pandemic, the WIR takes residence at their home. Through this program, we seek to spotlight Racine and Kenosha's dynamic literary community while encouraging, supporting, and advocating on behalf of writers at all stages of their careers.

Two six-month residencies are available each year for emerging, mid-career, and established writers who reside in Racine or Kenosha counties. Residencies take place January-June and July-December. Candidates are awarded a \$1,200.00 stipend (75% initially, and 25% upon completion of expectations and an evaluation form).

## **Applicant Expectations**

In return for a \$1,200.00 stipend, the WIR is expected to:

- Be present and working on WIR obligations eight hours per week. Scheduling will be coordinated between the WIR and WIR coordinator.
- Publish one weekly blog post on the [racinewriterinresidence.wordpress.com](http://racinewriterinresidence.wordpress.com) website. Topics are the choice of the WIR.
- Develop and execute one community-based collaboration or project. Examples include, but are not limited to: artist talks, school-based projects, a collaborative exhibition, a writers' group or workshop, etc.

## **Applicant Requirements**

The WIR must:

- Be a Racine/Kenosha county resident.
- Be 18 years of age or older.
- Possess a record of past achievements, strong artistic merit, commitment towards advancing the literary art form, and be an active contributor to the literary arts scene.

- Submit a cover letter, not to exceed one page in length that outlines the following:
  - If applicable, names of publications that have published your work.
  - Information on any recognition you have received as a writer.
  - Any educational work in the literary arts.
  - Places where you have presented your work in the last two years.
  - Information on your professional career, volunteer work, and hobbies as they apply to the literary arts and to literacy in general.
  - The reason why you wish to become the WIR.
- Submit three writing samples, limited to one page each, as separate Microsoft Word documents, either digitally or through physical mail (see below for addresses). Font should be 12 pt. Please place your name and contact information on each page. Diversity in writing is a plus.
- Submit one page describing the creative project you would like to develop as the WIR.
- Submit a resume or CV not exceeding one page.
- Provide a picture of yourself and a brief bio to be included in our promotional materials
- Optional: Letters of recommendation.

**How to Apply:**

- 1) Visit [racinewir.com](http://racinewir.com), download the PDF, fill it out, scan if necessary, and email this and the requested documents to [nicholas@familypowermusic.com](mailto:nicholas@familypowermusic.com) with Writer-In-Residence in the subject line. Physical copies can also be sent to Nick Ramsey at 1147 Jefferson St. Racine, WI 53404.

Applications must be completed in English. Applicants who have trouble accessing or using the online form may contact the WIR coordinator, Nick Ramsey, at 262.598.4803 or [nicholas@familypowermusic.com](mailto:nicholas@familypowermusic.com) for help.

**2021 Winter/Spring Residency Application Due Date: June 15, 2021**

FIRST NAME \_\_\_\_\_ MIDDLE INITIAL \_\_\_\_\_

LAST NAME \_\_\_\_\_

HOME ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY/VILLAGE/TOWN \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE \_\_\_\_\_ (Cell) \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_

DATE OF BIRTH \_\_\_\_\_ (Must be age 18 or older)

I live in Racine County \_\_\_\_Y \_\_\_\_N      I live in Kenosha County \_\_\_\_Y \_\_\_\_N

I certify that representations made in this application are true and complete to the best of my knowledge, and that the writing samples that I have submitted with this application are my own material and accurately represent my work.

APPLICANT'S SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_

DATE \_\_\_\_\_