

APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION

Admission to the limited-residency Master of Fine Arts in Creative Nonfiction program is granted to selected applicants who show promise of success in self-directed graduate study. The applicant must hold a bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university and will usually have two or more years of paid or volunteer work experience which is recommended but not required. Applications for the 2012 academic year will be accepted between January 3, 2012, and the final deadline, February 29, 2012.

Application Checklist

- A completed application form and a nonrefundable \$50 application fee made payable to Goucher College.
- Official transcripts of all undergraduate and graduate work, sent directly by the institution to the Master of Fine Arts in Creative Nonfiction, Welch Center for Graduate and Professional Studies, Goucher College, or by including official transcripts in the institution's sealed envelope with your application.
- Three letters of recommendation from people who know you well enough to give an informed opinion of your intellectual ability, capacity for sustained self-directed study, and personal qualifications.
- A personal statement from the applicant, three to five pages in length, indicating the candidate's expectations for joining this program, professional writing goals, and reasons for seeking the M.F.A. in creative nonfiction.
- Three copies of a double-spaced, 25- to 35-page writing sample. This should be original nonfiction, published or unpublished. The sample may be one long piece or several shorter ones.

The application materials should be forwarded to:

Master of Fine Arts in Creative Nonfiction
Welch Center for Graduate and Professional Studies
Goucher College
1021 Dulaney Valley Road
Baltimore, Maryland 21204-2794

Personal Data

Legal name _____ Gender Male Female

Name on transcript(s), if different from above _____

Street address _____

City _____

State _____

Zip code _____

Home phone _____

Work phone _____

E-mail address _____

Fax number _____

Social Security number _____

Date of birth _____

Country of citizenship *(If not a U.S. citizen, you will need an I-20 form for a student visa.)* _____

How did you hear about the program?

Educational Background

Have you ever attended Goucher before?

Yes No

If yes, at what level were the courses?

Undergraduate Graduate Certificate

Please list all *undergraduate* colleges/universities attended.

College/University	Major	Dates Attended	Degree Received
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Please list all *graduate* colleges/universities attended.

College/University	Major	Dates Attended	Degree Received
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Official transcripts must be received from all schools directly or in the school's sealed envelope whether or not a degree was received.

Employment Background

Current Employer

Are you: an employee a volunteer self-employed How long have you had your current employment? _____ years

Position	Name of employer
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Street address

City	State	Zip Code
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Employer's phone	May we contact your employer? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
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Previous Employment (for last five years)

Were you: an employee a volunteer self-employed Dates employed _____

Position	Name of employer
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Street address	City	State	Zip Code
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Employer's phone	May we contact your employer? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
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Graduate Record Examination

The Graduate Record Examination (GRE) is not required for this program. If, however, you have taken the test in the past five years or plan to take it before the application deadline and choose to submit your scores, please complete this section and have the testing agency send official scores to Goucher College, Welch Center for Graduate and Professional Studies, 1021 Dulaney Valley Road, Baltimore, Maryland 21204-2794.

Graduate Record General (aptitude)

Date _____ Verbal _____ Quantitative _____ Analytical _____

Financial Assistance

If you are eligible, obtaining financial aid is a simple process. Begin by visiting www.goucher.edu/graduatefinancialaid and then go to www.fafsa.gov to complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). Failure to submit the FAFSA promptly may delay your award notification.

Will you be applying for financial aid? Yes No (Your response does not affect an admission decision.)

For more information, you may also contact the Student Financial Aid Office at FinAid@goucher.edu or 410-337-6141.

Demographic Information

Answers to the following two questions are optional. This information is reported, in aggregate form, to the Department of Education and is not used for admissions purposes.

1. Are you Hispanic/Latino (including Spain)? Yes No
2. Regardless of your answer to the prior question, please indicate how you identify yourself. (Check all that apply.)
 - American Indian or Alaska Native (including all Original Peoples of the Americas)
Are you an enrolled tribal member? Yes No If yes, please enter Tribal Enrollment Number _____
 - Asian (including Indian subcontinent and Philippines) Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander (Original Peoples)
 - Black or African American (including Africa and Caribbean) White (including Middle Eastern)

Endorsement

In keeping with the Honor Code at Goucher College, my signature below indicates that all information in my application is complete, factually correct, and honestly presented, and that the personal statement and writing sample are my own work. *You must sign your application.*

Signature

Date

Goucher College does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, ethnicity, sexual orientation, gender identity, religion, sex, age, disability, or genetic information in its programs and activities.