

# GOUCHER COLLEGE :: Master of Fine Arts in Creative Nonfiction

## 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. All application materials are due February 19, 2010. Letters of acceptance will be mailed March 29, 2010.

### Application Checklist

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To be considered for admission, an applicant must submit the following by February 19, 2010:

- 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 MFA degree in creative nonfiction.
- Three copies of a double-spaced 25-35-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 This should be original nonfiction, published or unpublished.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

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Legal name \_\_\_\_\_

Name on transcript(s), if different from above \_\_\_\_\_

Street address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Home phone (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Work phone (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Fax number (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail address \_\_\_\_\_

Social Security Number \_\_\_\_\_ Date of birth \_\_\_\_\_ Gender  Male  Female

Country of citizenship \_\_\_\_\_ If not a U.S. citizen, you will need an I-20 form for a student visa.

**Educational Background**

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Have you ever attended Goucher ?  Yes  No  
If yes, at what level were the courses?  Undergraduate  Graduate  Certificate

Please list all *undergraduate* colleges/universities attended.

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

College/University	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**

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***Current Employer***

Are you:  an employee  a volunteer  self-employed      How long have you had your current employment? \_\_\_\_\_ years  
Occupation \_\_\_\_\_      Name of employer \_\_\_\_\_  
Street address \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_      State \_\_\_\_\_      Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_  
Employer's phone (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_      May we contact your employer?  Yes  No

***Previous Employment (for last five years)***

Were you:  an employee  a volunteer  self-employed      Dates employed \_\_\_\_\_  
Occupation \_\_\_\_\_      Name of employer \_\_\_\_\_  
Street address \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_      State \_\_\_\_\_      Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_  
Employer's phone (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_      May we contact your employer?  Yes  No

Were you:  an employee  a volunteer  self-employed      Dates employed \_\_\_\_\_  
Occupation \_\_\_\_\_      Name of employer \_\_\_\_\_  
Street address \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_      State \_\_\_\_\_      Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_  
Employer's phone (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_      May we contact your employer?  Yes  No



**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**

Students who have been admitted to the Master of Fine Arts in Creative Nonfiction program may be eligible for financial assistance. To apply for financial aid, you must complete the following:

- 2010–2011 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) Online at [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov)
- Goucher Application for Financial Aid

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

If you have questions regarding financial aid, please call the Office of Student Financial Aid at 410-337-6143.

**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. **You must sign your application.**

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

*The Welch Center for Graduate and Professional Studies Master of Fine Arts in Creative Nonfiction program of Goucher College does not discriminate on the basis of race, sex, sexual orientation, color, age, religion, national or ethnic origin, or disability in admission to, or treatment in, its educational programs and activities.*