

2016 WGA Mentorship Program: Call for Apprentice Applications

The Writers' Guild of Alberta is pleased to announce the 2016 WGA Mentorship program. The program is designed to meet the needs of emerging Alberta writers for guidance, collaboration and encouragement. The program will host five mentors matched to five apprentices. This is not an introductory creative writing course; it is an intensive, hands-on opportunity intended to provide a disciplined and focused period of work for emerging writers. There is no cost to the apprentices. To qualify as an apprentice you will be expected to:

- Be an emerging writer—emerging meaning: generally, but not necessarily, having a professionally edited, published body of work (a book of poetry, nonfiction articles, fiction, or other narrative prose, or publications in magazines, periodicals, and/or anthologies)
- Be a current member of the Writers' Guild of Alberta
- Be a current Alberta resident and 18 years or older
- Regularly send materials to your mentor prior to each meeting, write a midterm and final assessment of the program
- Read a piece of your work, completed during the mentorship program, at a Writers' Guild event
- Carefully consider time constraints before applying. Your mentor has committed to approximately 15 hours a month of their time to your work and development. You will be expected to dedicate a minimum of 20 to 25 hours per month to program work. This includes some combination of reading, writing, preparing for meetings, and time spent at the meetings
- Be flexible with communication and meeting scheduling in collaboration with the chosen mentor

To apply, please submit the following to:

Mentorship Program Application
Writers' Guild of Alberta
11759 Groat Road
Edmonton, AB T5M 3K6

1) A writing résumé outlining your recent writing activities and any creative writing courses or workshops you've taken. If you are a published writer, provide a list of publications.

2) A cover letter stating:

- Which literary genre you are currently working on
- A brief description of your current work and an explanation of why you think this program would benefit you at this stage of your career
- Discuss the project you intend to work on during the program and what you would like to achieve (be specific in your goals). All apprentices **MUST** have an active project in process to qualify for this program

3) A 10-page writing sample (preferably from the project you are intending to work on)

4) Confirmation that you are an Alberta resident and 18 years or older (photocopy of a driver's license, bills with current address, birth certificate)

Deadline: Applications must be received or postmarked by September 4, 2015 (late applications will not be accepted)

Successful applicants will be notified by late October 2015

Note: Five apprentices are chosen based on independent adjudication. Adjudicators consider quality of writing, writing experience, benefit to artist at this stage of their career, and overall suitability to the program.