

Creighton University Ron Hansen Scholarship in Creative Writing

The Ron Hansen Scholarship in Creative Writing is a \$4,000 renewable scholarship awarded to students who demonstrate talent and promise in creative writing, as well as overall academic achievement. The award is renewable for each of four academic years of undergraduate work provided you maintain a grade point average of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale and take Introduction to Creative Writing (English 300) as a part of your CORE Certified Writing Requirement during your freshman year.

This scholarship is named in honor of Creighton alum Ron Hansen. Mr. Hansen is a best-selling author of novels, short fiction, screenplays, and essays. His many highly praised works of fiction include *Mariette in Ecstasy*, *The Assassination of Jesse James by the Coward Robert Ford*, *Desperadoes*, *Nebraska*, *Hitler's Niece*, *Isn't It Romantic*, and *Atticus*, a National Book Award finalist. He lives in northern California, where he is the Gerard Manley Hopkins S.J. Professor of the Arts and Humanities at Santa Clara University.

Guidelines

To be considered for the scholarship, students must meet the following criteria:

- Submission of a Creighton University Application for Undergraduate Admission and Scholarship postmarked by January 6 of your senior year.
- Submission of the Ron Hansen Scholarship in Creative Writing application and supporting documentation by February 2 of your senior year. Supporting documentation should include a portfolio or original writing (described below) and a brief cover letter. This portfolio should be submitted to the Office of Undergraduate Admissions, Attn: Ron Hansen Scholarship.
- Optional letters of recommendation that specifically address your writing ability may also be sent to the Office of Undergraduate Admissions with your portfolio in a sealed envelope.

The portfolio should include up to 25 pages of your original work, as follows: Poets should submit 5 to 10 poems, fiction writers two stories or one novel excerpt. Submissions must be made in one category or another, not both. Manuscripts should be copies of original work and will not be returned to you. No changes, deletions or additions may be made to manuscripts after submission. All work must be typed in 12-point font. Poems should be single-spaced (one per page), fiction double-spaced, on 8.5 x 11 inch paper, with at least a one-inch margin. No manuscript may include the name of the author or any other identifying mark except the titles of the works. A title is required on each poem or work of fiction. The manuscript copy should be accompanied by the application form that includes your name, the category (Fiction or Poetry), and the titles of each work. Applications which do not adhere to these guidelines cannot be considered.

Ron Hansen Scholarship in Creative Writing Application

Name _____ Date of Birth ____/____/____

Permanent Address _____

Telephone (____) _____ e-mail _____

High School _____

GPA (on a 4.0 scale) _____ ACT/SAT composite _____

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Category: Fiction Poetry

Titles of Works Submitted

The portfolio may be accompanied by a letter or letters that address the applicant's talents as a writer. The letters should be sent in the packet in a sealed envelope to the Office of Undergraduate Admissions, Attn: Ron Hansen Scholarship.

Signature

My signature certifies that, to the best of my knowledge, the information listed above is true and accurate and the enclosed essays were my creation.

Signature

Date