



Laman Library Writers Fellowship Application

William F. Laman Public Library System
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INTRODUCTION:

As part of its mission, the William F. Laman Public Library System strives to enhance the community by providing public access to literature and other information. However, Laman Library also seeks to encourage the creation of literature *by Arkansans, for Arkansans*.

For that reason, Laman Library founded the **Laman Library Writers Fellowship** in March 2010 to provide grants to writers that will assist them in the writing and publishing process.

Each year, a grant of up to \$10,000 will be awarded in the first quarter to a previously published Arkansas author. The grant will be paid in consecutive monthly installments.

Authors will be selected based on the creative excellence of their work by an cadre of literary professionals who are independent from Laman Library. The library will not be involved in the selection process, but reserves first right of refusal.

The next round of applications will be accepted from **June 1, 2010 - Sept. 30, 2010**.

ELIGIBILITY:

To apply the author must meet either of the two following conditions:

1. The author has been commissioned by a commercial American publisher to write a full-length work of fiction, poetry or non-fiction and needs funding (in addition to the publisher's advance) for important research, travel, or other general expenditures.

2. The author is without a contractual commitment by a publisher but has had at least one work published commercially by an American publisher (excluding vanity presses), and there is a strong likelihood that their next work will be published in the United States.

Please note:

1. Successful applicants may not apply to the Foundation within three years of receiving an award.
2. Grants will not be awarded to cover publication costs.

HOW TO APPLY:

Applications will be submitted through Laman Library's new Web site, www.lamanlibrary.org, which is scheduled to launch in late May.

INFORMATION TO SUBMIT:

1. Brief information about yourself and your work;
2. Details of the work in progress;
3. Details of any publisher's advance received or due (the size of any advance may be taken into consideration by the jurors);
4. The names of publishers contacted. If you have not approached any publishers with your project, please explain why not;
5. A brief outline of your financial position, specifying the sum needed, with reasons. Grants are unlikely to exceed \$10,000;
6. Details of any grants you have received in the last three years;
7. A few reviews of your work, if available, and copies of newspaper cuttings, as originals cannot be returned;
8. Laman Library System employees, board members and the immediate families thereof are not eligible for fellowship awards.

CONDITIONS OF ACCEPTANCE:

1. Recipient agrees to participate in an event announcing the award.
2. Recipient will be accessible, upon one month's notice, for library programming up to four times during the grant period, not including the award ceremony.
3. Permission must be granted for the use of the recipients personal image and name for purposes of publicity and promotion.
4. The publication of the recipient's work will include the following acknowledgement:
"[Name of work] was funded in part by the Laman Library Literary Fellowship."