



POETRY

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2007 RUTH LILLY POETRY FELLOWSHIPS APPLICATION FORM

Program Guidelines

GENERAL INFORMATION

Two Ruth Lilly Poetry Fellowships in the amount of \$15,000 will be awarded to young poets through a national competition sponsored by the Poetry Foundation, publisher of *Poetry*. Established in 1989 by the Indianapolis philanthropist Ruth Lilly, the fellowships are intended to encourage the further study and writing of poetry.

ELIGIBILITY

- 1 Candidates must be American citizens born on or after April 16, 1976.
- 2 Applicants must not have published a collection of poetry or had one accepted for future publication.
- 3 In the case of a poet who is not currently enrolled in a university but who is independently pursuing a poetic career, nominations may be made by a teacher or colleague familiar with the poet's work.
- 4 Candidates may be enrolled in any field of study.
- 5 Nominations must be submitted by writing program directors, or in the case of schools without creative writing programs, by the head of the English department. Only one nomination per school will be considered.
- 6 Students who have completed, or plan to complete, a graduate program in either English or creative writing by August 31, 2007 are ineligible.

HOW TO APPLY

Step one: To be completed and signed by program director / department chair.

- Completed official nomination cover sheet.
- Nomination letter on departmental letterhead.

Step two: To be completed and signed by the nominee.

- Completed official nominee cover sheet.
- Selection of no more than ten typed pages of poems. If poems have been published, place and date should be indicated. Poems will not be returned.

Step three: Mailing instructions.

- Submit three sets — original and two copies — of all above materials to:
Ruth Lilly Poetry Fellowships, 444 N. Michigan Ave., Ste. 1850, Chicago, IL 60611
- All envelopes must be clearly marked "Ruth Lilly Poetry Fellowships."
- Applications must be postmarked no later than Monday, April 16, 2007.
- Incomplete applications will not be considered.
- Electronic applications will not be considered.

REVIEW AND NOTIFICATION

All valid applications will be carefully considered, and nominees will be informed of the results of the preliminary screening process by mid-summer. Finalists selected to continue in the competition may be asked to submit additional work and a more detailed résumé or CV. The three-member selection committee consists of nationally recognized poets and teachers, and is chaired by the editor of *Poetry*. The two winners of the 2007 Ruth Lilly Poetry Fellowships will be announced in September.

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Step One: To Be Completed by Director/Department Chair

Please provide a short cover letter on departmental stationery to verify your nomination. This is not intended to be a letter of recommendation. Mail one original and two copies of your letter, this completed form, and your candidate's work to the address below. All envelopes should be clearly marked "Ruth Lilly Poetry Fellowships." Applications must be postmarked no later than Monday, April 16, 2007.

STUDENT'S NAME _____

COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY _____

DEGREE SOUGHT/MAJOR _____

DATE DEGREE EXPECTED _____

I nominate _____ for a 2007 Ruth Lilly Poetry Fellowship, and I certify that this student is regularly enrolled and is not expected to receive a graduate degree, in English or creative writing, before August 31, 2007, and has not published a collection of poetry or had one accepted for publication.

SIGNATURE & DATE _____

NAME _____

TITLE _____

INSTITUTION _____

ADDRESS _____

TEL _____

FAX _____

E-MAIL _____

Please submit three sets of all materials — poems, application forms, and nomination letter — original and two copies. Poems will not be returned.

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Step Two: To Be Completed by Nominee

Please supply the information requested below, sign the application form, and attach no more than ten typed pages of poems. If any have appeared in print, please indicate places/ dates of publication. Submit originals and two copies of both the application and poems to your director/ chair for mailing. Applications must be postmarked no later than Monday, April 16, 2007.

STUDENT'S NAME _____

COLLEGE / UNIVERSITY _____

DEGREE SOUGHT / MAJOR _____

DATE DEGREE EXPECTED _____

DATE & PLACE OF BIRTH _____

SIGNATURE & DATE _____

SCHOOL ADDRESS _____

SCHOOL TEL _____

SCHOOL FAX _____

SCHOOL E-MAIL _____

PERMANENT ADDRESS _____

where you can always receive mail

PERMANENT TEL _____

PERMANENT FAX _____

PERMANENT E-MAIL _____

Please submit three sets of all materials — poems and application forms — original and two copies. Do not include any additional material at this time (cv, cover letter, references, etc). Nomination must also include three sets of the application form and letter from your program director/ department chair. Poems will not be returned.

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