



## Call For Writers Artist Residency at the Annenberg Community Beach House

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Application Deadline: Thursday, October 23, 2014, rec'd in office by 5:00pm

### Introduction

The City of Santa Monica Cultural Affairs Division, seeks proposals from writers living in Los Angeles County for the Writer's Residency Program at the Annenberg Community Beach House. The Writer's Residency Program offers writers a large, private office in the historic Marion Davies Guest House for six weeks to complete a work-in-progress.

### Residency Description

In celebration of Marion Davies' support of artists, and to further the work of artists in all disciplines, the Division has established a Writer's Residency program at the Beach House. The Residency begins Tuesday, January 13, 2015 and concludes Tuesday, February 17, 2015 for a total of six weeks. The Residency offers an oceanfront office to work in on the upper floor of the restored Guest House of the former Marion Davies estate. The office is generally available every day from 8:30am-10pm.

The City seeks to provide opportunities to writers who need a place to write and are also interested in sharing aspects of their work for the public's benefit. This program is best for writers who will be able to use the residency period to finish or make significant progress on a particular work, and are able to blog, hold weekly office hours (11am-2pm on selected days) and monthly critiques, readings, workshops or conversations with the public. If the applicant wishes to suggest other public activities in lieu of those mentioned, their proposals are welcome. Please note that, according to program guidelines, the writer's public events should be aimed at an adult, rather than a youth audience.

As an acknowledgement of the public benefit of the resident to the community, an honorarium of \$1500 is offered.

The Residency is non-residential; no room/board is offered. The City will provide a lockable office with desk and chair, wireless internet access, refrigerator/microwave access, and a parking pass for the duration of the residency. No other resources, including computer, printer, phone, or other equipment will be provided.

### Eligibility

The Residency is open to all writers of **fiction, poetry, plays, and screenplays** with works-in-progress who reside in Los Angeles County. Projects in biography/memoir, essay and nonfiction are not eligible. Applicants who have received a Beach House

Residency in the past two years, or are currently arts grantees or resident artists through another City of Santa Monica program, or are currently employed by the City of Santa Monica, are not eligible to apply. The Residency will be awarded to one writer. Writing teams are not eligible.

### **Selection Process**

Applications will be reviewed by a jury of writers and educators. The panel will take both the quality of work and the ability of the applicant to carry out public interactions into consideration.

A complete application will include a writing sample, two letters of recommendation, an application letter, and the applicant's publishing history, if any. Lack of a publishing history will not disqualify a writer from being selected.

The City of Santa Monica may request additional information from or schedule initial interviews with selected applicants. The City also reserves the right to not select an artist for this project and recall and/or cancel the Call for Artists at any time at its sole discretion.

Notification of the selected Resident will take place in late November.

### **Annenberg Community Beach House**

The Southern California beach occupies a unique place within the physical and cultural landscape of America, and the Annenberg Community Beach House at Santa Monica State Beach has become a popular destination for those seeking a quintessential "day at the beach." Consisting of several structures at the historic site of the Marion Davies estate, the Beach House includes the historic Guest House and Pool, and the new Event House, Pool facility, and outdoor areas.

The site at 415 Pacific Coast Highway has seen an evolution from private ownership to public management. Interpretive and cultural projects at the Beach House offer a continuum connecting the past, present and future. For information and images of the site, please visit <http://annenbergbeachhouse.com>.

The Annenberg Community Beach House is made possible through a generous gift from the Annenberg Foundation at the recommendation of collector and philanthropist Wallis Annenberg, and in partnership with California State Parks and the City of Santa Monica.

### **Submission Requirements**

The City, in compliance with its Sustainable City Program, encourages the use of recycled and tree-free products. To this end, we ask that submissions be sent via email to the contact information below.

Please submit the following as part of your application in a single .doc or .pdf file:

1. An application letter which details your interest in, and the benefits to be derived from, the Residency, including proposals for monthly events (lectures, readings, interview/conversations with other artists, workshops, or applicant-proposed events), availability for public office hours, and publishing history.
2. Up to ten (10) sample pages of writing in one file, .doc format or .pdf format. For poetry, five (5) poems will be accepted; for screenplays and plays, twenty (20) formatted pages will be accepted. If a mixture of genres, the total page count cannot exceed ten (10) pages. Please title the sample file "Firstname Lastname SAMPLE".
3. A professional resume/CV/biography which includes your residential address
4. Two (2) letters of reference, emailed or mailed directly from the recommender. Reference letters must arrive by the due date listed below. Please have recommenders title their emails "Recommendation for Firstname\_Lastname". For mailing address see below.

**NO APPLICATION MATERIALS WILL BE RETURNED.**

### **Contact**

For questions about the Residency, please contact Naomi Okuyama, Cultural Affairs Supervisor at [culture@smgov.net](mailto:culture@smgov.net) or call (310) 458-2257.

For information about the Annenberg Community Beach House, visit the Beach House, visit <http://annenbergbeachhouse.com> and/or call (310) 458-4904 (No Residency questions, please).

A listing of all Beach=Culture events can be found at:  
<http://annenbergbeachhouse.com/beachculture>.

Please email applications to [culture@smgov.net](mailto:culture@smgov.net) and cc [smbeachculture@gmail.com](mailto:smbeachculture@gmail.com).

### **Due Date**

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