

NATIONAL SOCIETY OF  
ARTS AND LETTERS

*Writing* **SCHOLARSHIPS**

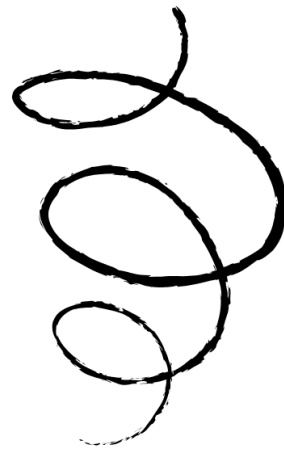
**\$10,000 in Scholarships**

**For ages 16-22**

**Competition in fiction short story**

**1000-7500 words**

**Entries due February 1, 2025**





## **National Society of Arts and Letters Writing Scholarships**

**The NSAL Writing Scholarships in Short Story are annual scholarships available through the National Society of Arts and Letters to young writers ages 16 to 22.**

- Successful applicants must demonstrate exceptional talent and promise of future success.
- The scholarship funds are for private study, special training or personal advancement. The funds can be used for college tuition, but not for housing, travel or personal expenses.
- Scholarship funds are sent to the institution, teacher or program selected by the scholarship recipient. Scholarship recipients have 15 months to use the funds.
- Scholarship recipients may reapply as often as their age allows and are eligible to participate in other NSAL competitions.
- Scholarship recipients may be asked to read from their work at a future NSAL awards ceremony or showcase.

### **ELIGIBILITY**

- Contestants must be citizens of the USA or residing legally in the USA on February 1, 2025.
- Applicants should be at least 16 years old, but not yet 23 on March 1, 2025.
- Judging will be done with the 16- to 18-year-olds in one group and the 19- to 22-year-olds in another group. There will be awards in both groups.
- Scholarship applications will be submitted to the NSAL Chapter nearest their homes or schools. For contact information, see the last page of this brochure.
- Applicants must not be (or previously have been) under exclusive professional management or representation.
- Submissions must not have been published.

### **SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS**

- We will accept one fiction short story submission per applicant.
- Each story submission must be a minimum of 1,000 words and may be a maximum of 7,500 words.
- No AI content, or AI assisted content. Applicants must be the sole author of their original work.

- Manuscripts must be clearly typed, double spaced, and use a clear, simple font such as Times New Roman in 12 point size.
- Please submit in PDF format.
- Submissions will be judged blind, so please do not include your name, email, or any identifying characteristics on the short story itself. On your short story's first page, please include the title and word count along with your initials. Pages should be numbered consecutively in the top right corner beginning after the title page.
- Please ensure the file name of your submission is only the title of your story and your initials.

#### **TIMELINE**

- Scholarship applications are due to be submitted online by February 1, 2025.
- The deadline for chapter finalists applications submissions to national is March 1, 2025.
- NSAL Writing Scholarships in Short Story winners will be announced the third week in April 2025.

**Questions?** Please reach out via email to your local NSAL Chapter or to [nsal.literature@gmail.com](mailto:nsal.literature@gmail.com)

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## National Society of Arts and Letters

Supporting young talent in the performing, literary, and visual arts since 1944.

### Application For The National Society of Arts and Letters Writing Scholarships

Sponsoring Chapter: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Last First Middle

Date of Birth (MM/DD/YYYY): \_\_\_\_\_ Pronouns: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_

School Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street City State & Zip

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Alternate Contact: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name Phone Email

Are you a U.S. Citizen, or Legal Resident? (Yes or No) \_\_\_\_\_

### Educational Background

Are you currently a student? (Yes or No) \_\_\_\_\_

High School: \_\_\_\_\_

College: \_\_\_\_\_

If you are in high school, what course of study would you like to follow after graduation? \_\_\_\_\_

If you are attending college, what is your major? \_\_\_\_\_

What are your future career plans? \_\_\_\_\_

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What are your plans if you receive a Writing Scholarship? e.g., summer workshops, college tuition, etc. (The Writing Scholarship does not cover housing, travel, or personal expenses)

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**Applicant Signature**

I certify that I have read the scholarship requirements and that the information submitted by me is true and correct. (If you are under 18 years of age, this section must be certified by a parent/guardian.)

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Signature

Date

Email your completed application, proof of citizenship or legal residence (Passport, Birth Certificate, Visa Documents) and your short story to the NSAL Chapter nearest your home or school by February 1, 2025.

(See Chapter Contacts in brochure for contacts' email addresses)

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