

JOHN CARLTON MYATT WRITING SCHOLARSHIP

HISTORY

John Carlton Myatt, a 1988 graduate of Grimsley High School, died in a swimming accident in the summer of 1990. To foster his memory, a scholarship was established in 1991 to reward a talented high school senior from one of the Guilford County High Schools.

A High School Senior who displays a creative, innovative and courageous spirit in writing and exhibits those skills through school and community activities to effect change, will be awarded freshman college funds to a school of his/her choice.

Applicants must possess not only a profound love of writing and/or language, but the talent and ability to excel using the written word. Applicants must enter college with the goal of studying English, writing, or language arts. Applicants pursuing other areas of study are discouraged to apply, unless applicant makes a credible case for his/her consideration.

SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS

1. A one page list of writers and/or publications the applicant admires & inspire him/her to write.
2. Resume that reflects creative accomplishments and interest.
3. A 200-word minimum statement explaining why he/she deserves the John Carlton Myatt Writing Scholarship.
The statement must answer
 - How do you plan to develop and improve your writing in college?
 - How will you pursue writing and/or the language arts throughout your life?
4. Two letters of recommendation from individuals who can attest to the applicant's strength in writing and passion for the language arts.
5. Three creative writing pieces (poetry, plays, short stories, creative non-fiction/memoir or songs)

OR

Two creative pieces and one critical piece

(No photograph, selection is based on talent)

This information is to be typed, edited, and total no more than twelve double-spaced, single-sided pages. Excerpts with summary explanation are acceptable.

DEADLINE IS APRIL 15, 2017



Natasha Dereqinski-Choo

2015 Winner, Grimsley Senior High School, Greensboro, NC
Attending Duke University

The 2017 John Carlton Myatt Writing Scholarship Selection Committee

Instructions to High School contact person

1. One school staff person will be identified in each of the High Schools. This person can be in the English Department, school paper advisor, or any person who would know the creative writing skills of seniors.
2. This person will select a maximum of **two seniors** from the school to be the participants in the John Carlton Myatt Writing Scholarship Competition.
3. A separate handout is provided defining the submission requirements. This sheet should be posted and given to the participants.
4. The scholarship is intended to encourage the talented senior to go forward, to receive recognition for their talents. Previous winners have said that the scholarship gave them recognition and made them pursue excellence in writing. It was the “pat on the back” they needed.
5. The scholarship is valued at approximately \$3,000 cost toward books and tuition for the first college year.
6. Selection committee is composed of the scholarship founders and previous winners.
7. Your contact person is Will Sykes (870-9695). Electronic submittals are to be sent to myattscholarship@gmail.com **no later than 5:00 PM on April 15, 2017.**
8. Students who have limited means for college but have distinct writing talents are sought. Need will be used only when there are ties in the selection process.