

# The Salty Quill Writers' Retreat for Women

## 2018 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION



Two scholarships will be awarded for September 19-22, and two for September 26-29, 2018. Each scholarship includes accommodation in the Jewett Room (which you'll share with the other scholarship recipient), all meals, full participation in the retreat, and boat transportation to and from McGee's Island.

The scholarship is open to any woman writer, and writers need not be published to be considered. The scholarship is awarded based on writing sample first and application second, with special attention given to applicants who evidence financial need. Deadline for application is June 6, 2018. Awardee will be announced by August 1, 2018. Application fee is \$30. Early applications are encouraged. (Previous scholarship recipients should wait 5 years before re-applying.)

To apply, complete and return pages 3-4 of this document, a writing sample of no more than 5 pages (12' type, double-spaced if text, or 5 poems), and a \$30 application fee. If you wish, provide evidence of financial need (feel free to redact any personal information such as social security number). If sending electronically, please name your application using your first and last name followed by "Application" (e.g., "Jane Doe Application" and name your writing sample the same way (e.g., "Jane Doe Writing Sample"). Materials can be submitted via email to [retreat@thesaltyquill.com](mailto:retreat@thesaltyquill.com) or by mail to: Salty Quill, 11 Willow St., Hull, MA 02045, and payment may be made via personal check, or by Venmo or Paypal (if paying electronically, please email above email address prior to payment to receive an invoice). Once awarded, you will receive a Details and Confirmation Form which you must read, sign, and return by August 8, 2018. An anonymous jury of writers will choose awardees.

Writers applying to scholarships will share the Jewett Room (see [Rates & Accommodations](#)) with fellow scholarship recipient. All documents are completely confidential and will not be shared for any purpose other than evaluating application. We hope you'll apply! Lastly, if you would like to assure yourself a spot at the Salty Quill, please know you are welcome to apply for available rooms at the rates outlined on the website (see link above).

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### ABOUT THE SALTY QUILL



At the Salty Quill Writers Retreat for Women, you'll find the time and space to write, to share, to relax, to enjoy the camaraderie of other writers, and to learn from an established author. McGee's Island is a magical place with 110-private acres to explore and a grand home brimming with a century's worth of family memories and furnishings, which we hope writers will cherish and protect it as they would their own home. We hope writers will be cognizant of each other's needs, pitch in, respect others, share common space equitably, explore the island, keep distractions at a minimum, share knowledge and experience, and above all, enjoy themselves. We hope to foster an atmosphere of creative pursuit, learning, openness to others, mutual respect, kindness and love. Above all, we hope the Salty Quill Writers' Retreat will be filled with drama, but only on the page.

Writers are free to hunker down in their rooms, tuck into a nook or soft, cushy chair in one of the common rooms, and write the day away. Some of the shared common spaces include the living room, the various covered and open porches, the sun room, the front room, and the upstairs library (with room for one). Feel free to borrow from the library and any bookshelves you find, but please do return books to their places. The library has a cozy desk and chair, and writers can sign up to reserve the library for two-hour blocks of private writing time. If comfortable with watercraft and Maine waters, a few kayaks and canoes are available (to share, and to be used at their own risk).

Each night after dinner, writers share and critique their work in the Main House living room. We encourage everyone, including and particularly scholarship recipients, to participate, though it's not mandatory. Two-to-three writers read each night. We hope everyone will share their writing once during their time at the Salty Quill.

*Some main details with more to come:* The house does have wifi, but cell service can be spotty. Weather cannot be predicted and foul weather (or seas) may alter arrival and departure times. All beds come equipped with heated mattress pads, and the property comes well stocked with firewood for a large central fireplace, but there is no central heat. Any use of kayaks, boat, or sauna is at writer's own risk. Transportation to and from Port Clyde, ME, is up to the recipient to arrange, however, once accepted, you will be invited to a private Facebook page where topics such as ride-sharing is discussed. If you wish, please feel free to email us to request a copy of the Details & Confirmation Form, which has more extensive details about the retreat. Scholarship will be confirmed with Salty Quill's receipt of signed confirmation form.

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Website: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact Phone Number/s: \_\_\_\_\_

**Check one or both boxes for sessions you can attend:**

☐ **September 19-22, 2018**   ☐ **September 26-29, 2018**

Do you have any health concerns or conditions, allergies, or dietary restrictions which may impact you while on the island? \_\_\_\_\_

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Please indicate if you are allergic to any of the following ingredients or other ingredients or elements, and whether those allergies are Light (L), Moderate (M), or Severe (S): shellfish: \_\_\_\_\_ dairy: \_\_\_\_\_ wheat: \_\_\_\_\_ soy: \_\_\_\_\_ nuts: \_\_\_\_\_ fruit: \_\_\_\_\_ onions: \_\_\_\_\_ garlic: \_\_\_\_\_ vinegar: \_\_\_\_\_ any other allergies which might impact you (please specify): \_\_\_\_\_

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My genre/s of writing is/are: \_\_\_\_\_

Please provide a short (50 words or less) description of your writing sample below (or append your answer on a separate sheet):

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Please tell us (in 500 words or less—below or in an attached document) a little bit about yourself, and your writing life:

I have read, understand, and agree to the guidelines set forth in this application form: ☐.

Writer signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Writer (printed) Name \_\_\_\_\_