

The Salty Quill Writers' Retreat for Women

2019 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION



Two scholarships, the **Ellis Avery Scholarship** and the **Grub Street Season Six Scholarship** will be awarded for the week of September 28-October 5, 2019. 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 **Ellis Avery Scholarship**

In 2016, the Salty Quill was honored to host Ellis Avery as our Writer-in-Residence. She and her partner, Sharon Marcus, spent a week on McGee Island, inspiring all of us. Our time together remains a gift we cherish. An award-winning author of novels and memoirs, Ellis also wrote elegant, stunning haikus every day of her life for decades. Ellis was an inspiration, growing a massive community of women infused by her spirit, joy, and bravery — for our time with her, we are honored and always grateful, and hopefully, will remain quite possibly, better human beings for it. In the winter of 2019, Ellis lost her battle to cancer. The Ellis Avery Scholarship is made possible, in great part, by Sharon Marcus, in honor of Ellis, and is open to any woman writer who is actively pursuing creative writing. Writers need not be published to be considered. The scholarship is awarded based on writing sample and application, with special attention given to writers in financial need. LGBTQ writers, writers of color, and historically underrepresented and marginalized writers are especially encouraged to apply.

The **Grub Street Season Six Scholarship** is open to any woman writer who is a current and active member of Grub Street (see www.grubstreet.org) who is actively pursuing creative writing. Grub Street has remained a welcoming community where writers can find and share their voice, finetune their craft, and support the writing community in ways very few other literary organizations have managed. This year, Grub Street is embarking on new ground, having been awarded a home by the Boston Planning and Development Agency and the Fallon Group in the Seaport district. If you aren't yet a member, you can become one by visiting <https://grubstreet.org/give/membership/>. Grub Street members should provide a copy of their most recent annual donation/membership to Grub Street or a copy of their membership card. Preference is given to promising writers who are working on a novel or memoir. The scholarship is awarded based on writing sample and application, with special attention given to writers in financial need. Writers of color, LGBTQ writers, writers over 50, and historically underrepresented and marginalized writers are especially encouraged to apply.

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Deadline for receipt of application materials and \$30 application fee is May 31, 2019. Scholarships will be announced by August 1, 2019. **Early applications are encouraged.** (Previous scholarship recipients should wait 5 years before re-applying.)

To apply, complete and return electronically or via snail mail (see details below), the following, in this order:

1. page 4 of this application completed and signed
2. a writing sample of no more than 10 pages (12' Times Roman, double-spaced; if poems, single spaced is fine),
3. a personal statement of no more than 500 words about you, your writing life, and your goals
4. a 1-2 page resume or CV
5. an optional statement of no more than 400 words detailing the nature of your financial need, along with up to 3 pages of additional documentation supporting your statement.
6. If applying to the Grub Street scholarship, please send a copy of your current membership card or letter of receipt for membership donation.

Please do not give us more than what is requested above.

Return the above as a single pdf in the above order (please keep separate documents as separate pages, i.e., do not run in pages and/or document types) to retreat@thesaltyquill.com, and name the file “[YOUR NAME Salty Quill S.A. 2019]” by May 31st, 2019, or mail the materials to: Salty Quill, 11 Willow St., Hull, MA 02045. If sending electronically, once your documents are received, you will be sent an invoice for payment via Venmo or Paypal of the scholarship application fee (or you can send a check via snail mail). If sending your application by mail, please include, along with your materials, a check made out to “The Salty Quill.” All materials and fees must be received by June 1st, 2019.

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 always welcome to apply for rooms still available.

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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 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. Wifi is limited and therefore, streaming video is strongly discouraged, as it depletes bandwidth very quickly. Weather cannot be predicted and foul weather (or seas) may alter arrival and departure times. The property comes well stocked with firewood for a large central fireplace, but there is no central heat. All beds come equipped with heated mattress pads. 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 are 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 Name: _____

Emergency Contact Email: _____

Emergency Contact Phone Number/s: _____

Check one or both boxes for scholarships for which you're applying:

Ellis Avery Scholarship **Grub Street Scholarship**

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

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 (food or otherwise) which might impact you (please specify): _____

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

Writer signature _____ Date _____

Writer (printed) Name _____