

Residential High School Creative Writing

Applicants are required to submit an essay and a writing portfolio to the application checklist as part of the pre-screening process. **Only select applicants will be invited to participate in a virtual interview.**

Essay Requirements

Describe a single, specific incident or event that has profoundly affected you as a writer. You may not use your experience at a Governor's School summer program as the subject of your essay.

- 400-500 words
- Typed and double-spaced with Times New Roman, 12-point font
- Your name in the upper right-hand corner
- Save as a PDF

Portfolio Guidelines

Applicants will submit a writing portfolio of five poems **or** one fictional short story.

Five Poems

- 1 poem per page, 5 pages
- Typed and single-spaced with Times New Roman, 12-point font
- Your name in the upper right-hand corner
- Page numbers in the lower right-hand corner
- Save as a PDF

One Fictional Short Story

- 1-5 pages long
- Typed and double spaced with Times New Roman, 12-point font
- Your name in the upper right-hand corner
- Page numbers in the lower right-hand corner
- Save as a PDF

Tips

- Find writing tips and reading suggestions at [SCGSAH.org/suggested-reading](https://scgsah.org/suggested-reading)
- Not sure how to save your portfolio as a PDF? See the tutorials below:
 - [Google Docs](#)
 - [Microsoft Word](#)
 - [Pages](#)
- **Questions?** Contact us at applycw@scgsah.org