**M.F.A. in Creative Writing Application Tips:**

Select as your program choice: Fiction, Creative Nonfiction, or Poetry. Please enter only one of these options.

**Your program writing sample:**

- If you are applying to Fiction:
  - Submit literary fiction. One or two short stories, or one or two chapters of a novel; not to exceed 25 pages. Put the title and your name on the first page, above the start of your story or novel. Use double line spacing.
  - Add header or footer to include your name and number the pages.

- If you are applying to Creative Nonfiction:
  - Submit nonfiction: two essays (personal, lyric, etc.) or two chapters from a memoir in progress or narrative nonfiction project in progress up to 25 pages.
  - Use 12 pt. font (Times Roman or Arial); double-spaced; pages numbered, name and title on the first page of each.
  - Start each essay or chapter on a new page.

**GTA Application Instructions:**

Prepare all three parts of your GTA application as one document, to appear in this order:

1. **The Background Experience form:** — this is a fillable form to complete and save to your computer until ready to upload entire GTA application.
2. **Your Statement of Teaching Interest:** — a one-page essay, discussing your teaching philosophy, your previous teaching experience, and your future goals in the classroom. Please introduce yourself and describe your professional and personal interests.
3. **Your writing sample:** — a one-page essay, focusing on your response to one of the given topics on the application.

**Out of State? Do you qualify for In-State tuition?**

The MFA Program in Creative Writing at CSU is a WICHE Western Regional Graduate Program. Residents of Alaska, Arizona, California, Colorado, the CNMI, Guam, Hawaii, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, North Dakota, Oregon, South Dakota, Utah, Washington, and Wyoming are eligible for in-state tuition; 2nd state tuition cost only.

Click here for details on in-state tuition.

Financial Aid and Other Funding

Go to the Office of Financial Aid's website for more information on financial aid opportunities. The Office of Financial Aid will provide answers to your financial aid questions and will direct you to additional resources.

Other funding opportunities can be found at these links:

- [English Alumni](http://www.englishalumni.org)
- [English Alumnae](http://www.englishalumnae.org)
- [English Alumni](http://www.englishalumni.org)
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