According to the English Department’s M.F.A. Creative Writing Program at Colorado State University, you will find the following information regarding the program process.

1. Program Application

The online program application is designed to help you apply for the Spring Semester. Please review the “Areas of Study” for the program: Fiction, Nonfiction, and Poetry.

Applications

To apply for MFA, click on the link to access the Graduate School Application. The deadline for all required application documents is January 1st for the Spring semester. If you intend to apply for a Graduate Teaching Assistantship (GTA), you will need to complete and upload the program’s application to your profile by January 1st.

The program application consists of the following parts:

- Your Resume or CV
- Your Statement of Purpose:
- Your Statement on Learning and Writing
- Three letters of recommendation.

Online, provide the e-address of each recommender who has agreed to write a letter. Your recommenders will be emailed instructions to upload their letters.

Transcripts: These must be from each university or college you attended that represent the courses you completed and the grades you received. They must be sent directly to the address below.

Colorado State University
Office of Admissions
1062 Campus Delivery
Ft. Collins, CO 80523-1862

We do not recommend sending the GRE. If any further questions arise, please contact Em Dailey, Graduate Programs Assistant, at gradadmissions@colostate.edu.

Apply for Residency

The table at this site shows both Colorado state tuition and non-resident tuition, as well as the cost per academic year, in-state and non-resident tuition, in-state and non-resident tuition costs, as well as the month-by-month cost for the fall and spring semesters for the academic year.

GTA Application Instructions:

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

  1. Your program writing sample:
  - Use 12 pt. font, either Times Roman or Arial
  - Add a footer to include your name and number the pages

  2. If you are applying to Fiction:
  - Submit literary fiction. Two short stories or one or two chapters of a novel, for a maximum of 25 pages.
  - Put the title and your name on the first page, above the start of your story or novel.
  - Use double line spacing
  - 12 pt. font, either Times Roman or Arial
  - Add a footer to include your name and number the pages

  3. If you are applying to Creative Nonfiction:
  - Submit two essays (personal, lyric, etc.), or two chapters from a memoir in progress or narrative nonfiction project in progress, of about 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

CITA Application Information

- Enter your name and student number in the file name of the documents.
- The file size should not exceed 8 mb.
- Submit letters of recommendation by January 15.
- The application deadline is January 15th.
- Start each essay or chapter on a new page

Financial Aid and Other Funding

To go to the Office of Financial Aid website, www.colostate.edu/finaid, will provide an overview to financial aid and scholarships and direct you to additional resources. Please see links below for more funding opportunities.

Other funding opportunities can be found at these links:
Liberal Arts Scholarships
Apply for Residence

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