



**Honors Writing Fellows
Fall 2023 Application**

You must be an honors student in good standing (minimum 3.33 UI GPA) and a sophomore or first-semester junior. (Exceptional first-year students will also be considered.) No current seniors or second-semester juniors should apply. **DUE DATE: Friday, March 24, 2023, 4:00 pm**

Applicants must be available to work on campus in both the Fall 2023 and Spring 2024 semesters.

Complete the shaded areas of the first two pages of this interactive application and print. You will not be able to save the document unless you are working on a computer with the full version of Adobe Acrobat.

Part I: Short Answers

Name

Majors(s)

University ID Number (8 digits)

UI GPA

Degree Expected (month / year)

Email Address

Local Street Address

Local City/State/Zip

Phone Number (cell)

Faculty member who will write your letter of recommendation

Name

Department

List any **college** activities in which you have served a leadership role

List any **college** honors or awards you have received since graduating from high school.

Do you have any **teaching or tutoring experience**? If so, what kind of experience? Where, what kind of students, and for how long did you teach/tutor?

Part II: Personal Statement

Write a one-to-two-page letter explaining why you want to be an Honors Writing Fellow and what you would like us to know about you. Describe any relevant skills or special perspectives you would bring to the program as well as any specific experiences that illustrate your ability to do Honors Writing Fellows work. Do not forget to proofread. Include your name on the top right of each page.

Part III: Two Samples of Your Writing

Please include clean copies (free of professor's or TA's comments) of two papers that represent your best work. **For each paper, type a description of the assignment and a brief explanation of why you chose it for us to review.** Include your name on the top right of each page, and make sure all pages are numbered. Please try to keep the total number of pages under 15. Choose papers from courses in different areas of study, if possible. Be sure to include at least one piece of analytical or argumentative writing. **Academic writing is preferable to creative non-fiction writing. No fiction or poetry, and no papers from high school please.** We will not be returning submissions.

Submission: Please print out all parts of this application, **PARTS I-III**, and put them in a single large envelope addressed to **Carol Severino**. Bring this envelope to room 167 of the English Philosophy Building (EPB) and put in Carol Severino's mailbox. If the mailroom is closed, you can slip the envelope through the mail slot in the door of Professor Severino's office, 168 EPB. If you cannot come to campus, you can compile the application materials in a single Word or pdf file and send to carol-severino@uiowa.edu. **The application deadline is 4:00 pm, Friday, March 24, 2023.**

Part V: Recommendation

The letter of recommendation should come from a UI professor or TA who knows you and your written work well. Be sure to ask your recommender at least two weeks in advance and to use the form on the next page. The letter should be sent separately **by your recommender** via email to carol-severino@uiowa.edu by **Friday, March 24, 2023, by 4:00 pm.**

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Honors Writing Fellows Program

University of Iowa

Instructions for Recommenders

The Honors Writing Fellows Program is a university initiative to improve student writing through peer tutoring. The program prepares selected students from a wide range of majors to serve as peer writing tutors, called Writing Fellows, and assigns them to courses across the curriculum. Each Fellow, under the guidance of a participating professor, works closely with 10-12 students in a writing intensive course. Fellows provide substantial written comments on drafts of assigned papers and hold individual conferences with students to offer advice for revision.

We are looking for highly motivated, independent, articulate, personable, kind, and diplomatic students. We are most interested in students who are not only successful and enthusiastic writers, but who also are dynamic and intellectually engaged in classroom discussions, who enjoy working with others, and who will be able to hold their own in conferences with faculty and with student peers.

In your recommendation, please explain the context in which you know this student's work and comment on this student's ability to fulfill the role described above.

Thank you for your help. If you have any questions about the program or the kind of students we are looking for, please contact carol-severino@uiowa.edu.

Please send your letter by email attachment to carol-severino@uiowa.edu.

The deadline for receiving letters is Friday, March 24, 2023, at 4:00 p.m.