TO FACULTY SPONSORS:

The Conference’s ongoing success depends, in large measure, on the quality of our contacts with educators in high schools throughout the region. Please help us by encouraging up to five students (juniors or outstanding sophomores) from your school, who have not previously attended, to apply for admission to the Conference. Students must be responsible, conscientious ambassadors from their home schools. Please guide your applicants in preparing acceptable submissions—as described above and in the accompanying materials—and see that all applications from your school are sent to us in a single packet postmarked by November 12, 2014.

This year we are pleased to offer a small number of partial scholarships. Students interested in being considered need to include a letter from their school confirming financial need; such as free or reduced lunch or a need-based scholarship.

Many high schools have successfully created scholarship funds to enable students to attend NEYWC regardless of financial situation. Can you work toward achieving this goal in your own school?

All sponsoring teachers are eligible to apply to be a chaperone. We invite you to apply as a Conference participant, attending adult workshops and performing chaperoning duties. To the twenty-five teachers accepted, we can promise a stimulating weekend, including both formal and informal exchanges with staff authors and with other high school teachers who are engaged in creative writing. For 2015, we will charge a fee of $325 to cover a part of the Conference’s costs.

“It's like coming to heaven. It's perfect.”

The Bread Loaf Mountain Campus of Middlebury College is a complete residential facility. Housing, dining and a variety of recreational opportunities are provided by the Conference.

The all-inclusive Conference fee for 2015 has been set at $375. Since many high schools provide scholarship help for students accepted to the Young Writers’ Conference, be sure to ask your English chairperson whether such funds might be available to you.

Please direct all inquiries and correspondence to:

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ABOUT THE NEW ENGLAND YOUNG WRITERS’ CONFERENCE

Do you yearn to write; to be part of a community of writers?

Do you want to stay up late talking about how to make your poem better or your story hold the reader’s attention?

Do you want to spend your days writing, discussing craft techniques, learning from professional writers and your peers in workshops and classes?

The New England Young Writers’ Conference held each May at Middlebury College’s Bread Loaf Campus in Ripton, VT brings together 200 dedicated high school writers, juniors and sophomores, from the New England/New York regions and beyond.

Students share manuscripts, attend readings, and study craft-skills with a staff comprised of professional writers and/or college-level teachers of creative writing. High school writing teachers also participate as Conference members and as dormitory chaperones.

Participants find living or working in a mountaintop community in which everyone takes creative writing seriously an unforgettable experience.

“| My love for writing has been reborn and I’ve gained more skill and confidence.” |
| | “An experience to take full advantage of.” |
| | “A great learning experience—I’ve not only learned a lot about poetry but also about myself.” |
| | “Bread Loaf is such a beautiful place that I could not have avoided being inspired to write here.” |

THE PROGRAM

The Young Writers’ Conference offers about 15 hours of formal educational events including Conference-wide gatherings to hear professional authors read, writing workshops which bring together about 10 students for extended sessions with a single author, and one-on-one conferences with authors.

The Bread Loaf experience also includes informal exchanges such as evening receptions and dances, group dining in the Bread Loaf Inn, dormitory readings, volleyball and Frisbee games, and impromptu discussions all over the mountain campus. Generous amounts of time are planned into the schedule, too, for students to work on their own manuscripts in an isolated, natural setting where writers since Robert Frost’s time have gathered to be part of a literary community.

A typical day at Bread Loaf includes: writing work-shops, staff readings, craft classes, free writing times, meals, music events, open mike readings, optional hikes on the Robert Frost Trail, and a Middlebury College information session.

STUDENT APPLICATION PROCEDURE

- Contact your English department chairperson (or other contact-person) for sponsorship.
- Obtain an application form from sponsor or download from www.middlebury.edu/~neywc
- Prepare a 1-page typed sample of your writing. Your 1-page manuscript may be one poem, or a short, self-contained project in prose, or an excerpt from a longer story, personal narrative, or play.

Admission to NEYWC is based on the quality of writing in these manuscripts, as judged by adult committee members, a professional writer, and readers from the schools which sponsor the Conference.

- Each application must be accompanied by a $20 nonrefundable fee.
- For consideration for a partial scholarship include a letter from your school confirming financial aid such as free or reduced lunch or a need based scholarship.
- Previous NEYWC students’ participants may not reapply.

Give your completed application, manuscript submission, self-addressed stamped envelope, and $20 fee to your English chairperson or other faculty sponsor. Your school will then send your application to us.

Attention! We are now accepting up to five applications from each school. We will still only accept up to two applicants but this allows a greater chance for a school to be accepted. Each school may submit no more than five applications. For the May, 2015 Conference, all applications must be postmarked by November 12, 2014. Notification of selection will be mailed by early March of 2015.

Web site: www.middlebury.edu/~neywc

Check our site for current information and announcements!