

MINNESOTA STATE UNIVERSITY, MANKATO  
MFA IN CREATIVE WRITING  
PROGRAM APPLICATION COVER SHEET

**DIRECTIONS**

Print out this sheet and check each relevant box to make sure your application package is complete. Include this cover sheet with the other required items, noted below, and send all materials to the English Department address at the bottom of this cover sheet. For more information about applying to our program, see <http://english.mnsu.edu/cw/cwmfa.htm>

**PROGRAM DEADLINE:** February 1 for all materials for admission and for TA consideration / April 15 for admission consideration only.

YOUR NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY, STATE, ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

E-MAIL (PRINT CLEARLY) \_\_\_\_\_

**MFA PROGRAM ADMISSION MATERIALS**

**MSU Application for Graduate Study:** See <http://grad.mnsu.edu/forms/appforgradstudy.pdf>

- Submitted and paid for online
- Printed out and included here, with application fee

**Letters of reference:** These should speak to your readiness to enter our graduate program. If you are seeking a teaching or other assistantship, these letters should also speak to your readiness to assume the duties of an assistantship.

- Two letters submitted here in sealed envelopes sent to you by each recommender

**Transcripts**

- Unofficial transcripts submitted here. (If you're admitted, we will ask for official transcripts later.)

**A 1-2 page statement describing your background in writing and your interest in working in a graduate creative writing program**

- Submitted here

**A writing sample:** 10 pages of poetry, or 20 pages of prose (with a short explanation if an excerpt).

- Submitted here

**Any additional information required of international students:** See <http://grad.mnsu.edu/applying/internationalletter.html>

- Submitted here
- Not applicable

**This application cover sheet**

- Submitted here

*See the next page for Teaching Assistantship/Graduate Assistantship Cover Sheet*

MINNESOTA STATE UNIVERSITY, MANKATO  
MFA IN CREATIVE WRITING/DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH  
TEACHING ASSISTANT/GRADUATE ASSISTANT APPLICATION COVER SHEET

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TA/GA APPLICATION DEADLINE: February 1 for all materials.

YOUR NAME \_\_\_\_\_

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We require the following items if you want to be considered for an assistantship in the English Department. For a description of the kinds of assistantships (teaching and other) we offer, see the English Department Graduate Assistantships page at <http://english.mnsu.edu/gradassistantship.htm> and the specific position description for teaching assistantships at <http://english.mnsu.edu/TA-09English.pdf> [this URL will change as the newest version is posted]

*Suggestion:* While you await the results of this assistantship application—and especially since we often admit more students than we have TA/GA positions for—we strongly encourage you to check out assistantships sponsored by other areas of the University. Many of them are listed at <http://grad.mnsu.edu/assistantships/> and <http://www.mnsu.edu/humanres/vacancy/index.php?id=vacgrad> These non-departmental openings will require separate graduate assistant application forms and often something else, like a résumé and letter outlining your qualifications for the position. These assistantships *generally* come with the same stipend and tuition benefits, and holding one of these assistantships for one year will in no way disqualify you from English TA/GA consideration for another year.

**Graduate Assistantship Application:** See <http://english.mnsu.edu/forms/graduateassistanceapp.pdf> Instead of the three names the assistantship form asks for, list only two persons as references. These may be the same persons you listed on your Graduate School application and from whom you asked letters of recommendation.

- Submitted here

**Letters of reference**

- Two submitted with admissions materials, above
- Two submitted here in sealed envelopes sent to you by each recommender

**Letter from you addressing your qualifications for an assistantship:** See the TA or GA position description for qualifications and duties, and address these items as you are able.

- Submitted here

**Résumé**

- Submitted here

**Academic writing sample (for TA applicants only):** A 5-10 page paper or other piece of expository writing.

- Submitted here

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**Before the program deadline, send all materials and this cover sheet to**

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Minnesota State University, Mankato  
230 Armstrong Hall  
Mankato, MN 56001