

MFA Application for Admission 2026

Please submit a single pdf, labeled with your name (last name first), containing the information listed below to cwmfaapp@uark.edu by midnight on 12/31/25.

Note:

*The GRE is **not required** for admission.*

*There is **no application fee** at this stage of the admissions process. Admitted applicants will be required to apply to the Graduate School at the University of Arkansas upon acceptance.*

APPLICATION MATERIALS - please compile the following materials in a **single pdf document**:

Cover sheet with this information:

Genre:

Poetry

Fiction

Literary Translation

You may apply to more than one track, but successful candidates will only be granted admission to one genre. **Note that you will be required to submit a separate application for each track you choose.**

Name: *

Previous Names (if any):

Please list any other names that may appear on transcripts or records.

Highest Degree Completed and GPA:

Name of University or College:

Email Address: *

Phone Number, including area code (XXX-XXX-XXXX)*

Current Mailing Address: *

Previous Applications:

Have you applied to our program in the past? If yes, please indicate the year(s).

J. Chester and Freda S. Johnson Fellowship:

Among other forms of financial aid, the Program in Creative Writing & Translation offers the J. Chester and Freda S. Johnson Fellowship. The fellowship provides up to \$5,000 to help recipients in their first year of the MFA program. The selection of recipient(s) of this award is determined based on the following criteria:

- **Having significant financial need**
- **First generation college-going status**
- **Being from a geographic area that is less well-represented at the University**
- **Having a record of overcoming challenges**

If you believe you may qualify for this fellowship, please indicate so by responding "Eligible for Johnson Fellowship." Answering this question is optional and will not affect the outcome of your application for admission.

These documents:

Creative Manuscript *

For poetry: 8-10 poems

For fiction: 20 pages of short fiction or a novel excerpt

For translation: 5-6 pages of poetry OR fiction translated into English, along with the original texts

Statement of Purpose *

Upload a statement, approximately 300 words in length, that gives us a sense of who you are as a writer and a person.

Current CV or resume *

Unofficial Transcript *

Two Letters of Recommendation*

Letters should come from educators and/or mentors who are familiar with you and your work and can speak to your potential as a writer, a member of the MFA cohort, and a teaching assistant.

Recommenders should submit letters in single pdf, labeled with **your name (last name first) followed by “LoR” to cwmfaapp@uark.edu by midnight on 12/31/25.**

Ex.: Jones, Sarah LoR

Note well: we will not contact your recommenders for letters; it is your responsibility to contact your recommenders to request your letter and to follow up on submission status.

International applicants: please review the University of Arkansas Graduate School and International Education's admissions information and don't hesitate to reach out with questions: <https://international-admissions.uark.edu/graduate-studies/index.php>