Meadows Museum, SMU

POET-IN-RESIDENCE

The Meadows Museum’s poetry residency is awarded to an SMU student whose artistic practice revolves around writing and language. In its inaugural year, the residency serves to provide the recipient with the time and space to create without distraction and with inspiration taken from the works on view in the museum. Additionally, the Meadows Museum Poet-in-Residence will design and facilitate a language-based activity in Meadows Museum galleries for visitors from 6–8 pm on Thursday, April 9, 2020. The 2020 Meadows Museum Poet-in-Residence will be presented with a $500 honorarium.*

ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible for the 2020 Meadows Museum poetry residency, the applicant must be enrolled as an undergraduate student at SMU at the time of application and throughout the dates of the residency. Applications are welcome from students in any college or major. The poet must demonstrate a strong interest and record of writing poetry through submitted writing samples created within the last two years and provide a 500-word personal statement. The Poet-in-Residence must be available on Thursday, April 9, 2020 between 5:30 and 8:30 pm.

APPLICATION PROCESS

Entries are accepted through connect.smu.edu (after sign-in, search under Forms). Applicants must submit:
• a 5-page writing sample, with no more than one poem per page (an excerpt from a longer poem that does not exceed 5 pages is also acceptable). The sample should represent original work completed within the last two years. Each page should be clearly labeled with the poet’s name and the title of the work(s).
• a personal statement of no more than 500 words that discusses the poet’s interest in the Meadows Museum Poet-in-Residence program, highlights any relevant writing awards and writing activities, and outlines how they plan to use their time at the museum.

TIMELINE

• Sunday, March 1: Applications due by 11:45 pm
• Friday, March 13: Meadows Museum Poet-in-Residence announced
• March 23–April 9, 2020: Residency
• April 9, 6–8 pm: Poet in Residence in-gallery activity at Meadows Museum

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*SMU requires that the honorarium be paid via the SMU payroll system. If a student is ineligible to be paid via SMU payroll (due to enrollment, scholarship status, or other reasons), they may apply and complete the residency, but will forfeit the honorarium.