

IOWA YOUNG WRITERS' STUDIO

GUIDELINES FOR TEACHER RECOMMENDATION

One of your students is applying to the 2023 Iowa Young Writers' Studio's Summer Residential Program. In-person and online versions of the program will run concurrently from June 11-24 (Session 1) and again from July 9-22 (Session 2). Students at the Summer Residential Program will spend 2 weeks deeply immersed in the art and craft of creative writing. Students will share their writing with teachers and peers, receive constructive critique, and participate in writing exercises and activities.

We are looking for talented, creative students with a real desire to write. Our application process is designed to help us get to know our applicants as well as we can.

We are not simply concerned with a student's academic abilities; we are trying to form a community, so we are interested in how you think the student will interact with the other writers in the program. Include any specific stories or other evidence that will help introduce us to this student.

In your letter, please comment on your student's writing ability, dedication to their studies, and their maturity level in the classroom. Does this student truly enjoy writing? Will the student participate fully in the Iowa Young Writers' Studio? Is this an opportunity that they will make the most of at this time, or is it an opportunity better offered in the future? If the choice were up to you, would you ask this student to join the Studio?

You may upload your letter using Submittable, our application management software, with the following link:

<https://iowayoungwritersstudio.submittable.com/submit/242715/2023-summer-residential-program-letter-of-rec-upload>

Because of the large volume of submissions, we can no longer accept letters of recommendation via e-mail.

If you have any questions about the letter of recommendation or would like more information about the Iowa Young Writers' Studio please contact:

Stephen Lovely, Director, iyws@uiowa.edu

Thank you for taking the time to support one of our applicants!