

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS



2013 CITY OF ASYLUM/PITTSBURGH PRIZE

Writers from Western Pennsylvania, aged 30 and over, who have published at least one full-length book of poetry, fiction, or non-fiction, are invited to submit applications to be considered for the 2013 City of Asylum/Pittsburgh prize, which consists of a month-long, all-expenses-paid writing residency in Brussels, Belgium. Applications are due by Noon on December 31, 2012.

The Prize is part of City of Asylum's Bridges initiative, which will create a number of international writer residencies for Western Pennsylvania writers. This residency is a collaboration with the Belgian literary organization, Het beschrijf.

REQUIREMENTS

Applicants

- Must be over the age of 30
- Must have published at least one full-length book of poetry, fiction, or non-fiction
- May reside in any of the following counties: Allegheny, Armstrong, Beaver, Butler, Fayette, Greene, Indiana, Washington, or Westmoreland

PRIZE (RESIDENCY) INCLUDES

- Round-trip airfare
- Accommodations in a well-appointed one-bedroom apartment in the center of Brussels, Belgium
- Stipend of € 1250

DATES OF RESIDENCY

May 27–June 24, 2013.

PURPOSE & EXPECTATIONS

The purpose of the residency is to provide a Western PA writer the time and circumstances to write productively.

On accepting the Prize, the writer will be expected to:

- Provide proof of health insurance coverage (a traveler's policy is acceptable).
- Have a passport at least 60 days before departure.

During the Residency, the winner may be asked to present one or two readings or appearances on behalf of City of Asylum and-or Het beschrijf.

HOW TO APPLY

Please prepare your materials in 12 point type, with margins of 1.5 inches. All of the following items must be submitted together in order to be considered for the Prize.

- (1) Current bio/c.v. that includes applicant's current address, e-mail, phone /cell phone, and list of literary publications (max 2 pages)
- (2) A statement describing what applicant will do during the residency in Brussels (max 250 words);
- (3) A work sample (8 – 12 pages).

Interested Western PA writers should send the above items in a single email or envelope to

- COAPrize@gmail.com *or*
- City of Asylum/Pittsburgh, att: PRIZE, 324 Sampsonia Way, Pittsburgh, PA 15212-4440.

Deadline for applications: 12 Noon, December 31, 2012

Winner will be announced on or before February 25, 2013.

DECLARATIONS

- Only applications that are received complete and on time will be considered.
- Only one winner will be selected.
- Applications will be reviewed and prize awarded without regard for ethnicity, religion, or sex.
- Prize does not include accommodations or travel for additional persons.
- Prize is not transferable.
- City of Asylum/Pittsburgh reserves the right not to award the Prize if a suitable winner is not identified.

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