



## LINDA BIERDS and CAROL HOUCK SMITH Graduate Scholarships

Rainier Writing Workshop/Master of Fine Arts in Creative Writing

### Background

Each year Pacific Lutheran University awards scholarships ranging from \$5,000 to \$10,000 to new applicants in the Rainier Writing Workshop. The number and amount of the scholarships vary depending on the qualifications of the candidates. The Linda Bierds scholarship is named for a distinguished poet residing in the Pacific Northwest who has taught for many years in the Rainier Writing Workshop. The Carol Houck Smith scholarship is established in memory of a longtime friend of literature and senior editor at W. W. Norton.

The scholarships are awarded for one year, and renewed for two consecutive years by A) maintaining consecutive enrollment for three years and B) successfully completing the requirements for each year.

### Eligibility

All students applying to the MFA program may be considered for these scholarships.

### Application Procedure

To apply for the Linda Bierds and Carol Houck Smith Graduate Scholarships, please submit:

1. All application materials for the MFA program by January 31. The writing portfolio and personal statement included in the MFA program application will be used to evaluate each candidate for the Linda Bierds and Carol Houck Smith Graduate Scholarships.
2. The Linda Bierds and Carol Houck Smith Graduate Scholarships application form no later than January 31.

### Send Application Materials to:

Office of Admission—Graduate Programs  
12180 Park Avenue South  
Pacific Lutheran University  
Tacoma, WA 98447

Phone: 253-535-7151

Fax: 253-536-5136

Email: [gradadmission@plu.edu](mailto:gradadmission@plu.edu)

### Application Due Date:

January 31

Materials must be postmarked by the due date, or received by email or fax no later than 11:59pm on January 31.



APPLICATION FORM

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Beginning Residency: Summer \_\_\_\_\_

Please supply a short answer to the following question: What effect would a scholarship have on your ability to complete the MFA program?

Four horizontal lines for writing the answer to the question.

Employer: \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have tuition assistance through your employer? \_\_Y \_\_N

If so, what percent or amount? \_\_\_\_\_

Other financial assistance I expect to receive in order to attend PLU (include information about loans and other aid from all sources): \_\_\_\_\_

Two horizontal lines for providing additional financial assistance information.

Signature of Understanding

The information on this form is accurate. Also by signing this form, I authorize PLU to verify the above information.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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