If you are an emerging writer; if you’ve dreamed of studying the craft with celebrated authors; if you’ve ever longed to meet others who share your passion for story, drama, and song; this conference is for you.

Now in its 16th year, the Champlain College Young Writers’ Conference (CCYW), a residential writers’ weekend for high school students, convenes this May 27–29 on the hillside campus of Burlington’s Champlain College. Participate in over ten hours of intensive fiction, poetry, songwriting, creative nonfiction, and dramatic writing workshops; exchange and critique manuscripts; attend faculty readings and craft sessions; and meet one-on-one with your workshop leader. On Friday, go to the good place with our keynote speaker. And there’s more: Friday evening, read to jazz with Michael Chorney’s celebrated literary jazz ensemble, join our popular Moth Storytelling session, or try your hand at open mic.

On Saturday, slam the night away with our own in-house oracle, the renowned Vermont Slam Champion, Geof Hewitt. Later, let the badger out with the Young Writers’ Improv Theater, and kick up your heels at the spectacular Young Writers’ Contra Dance. Special note: high school teachers and writerly parents are encouraged to apply as chaperones and are invited to attend their own adult writing workshop.

KEYNOTE SPEAKER

WHO’S QUALIFIED?

APPLICATION to the Champlain College Young Writers’ Conference is open to all high school-aged students. We’re interested in serious, talented young writers who also show a level of maturity and responsibility appropriate for attending a weekend workshop on a college campus. Along with the application, poets/songwriters are asked to submit two copies of a one-page writing sample. Songwriters are encouraged (but not required) to forward a CD or MP3 of their work. Fiction, non-fiction, and dramatic writing applicants should submit two copies of a writing sample of no more than three pages. Application forms are available on our website: champlain.edu/write. If you have questions regarding the application process, please contact Lesley Wright: ccyw@champlain.edu or 802.865.8456.

DEADLINE Applications should be postmarked by February 22, 2016. Early submissions are encouraged.

FEE The all-inclusive fee for the 2016 Champlain College Young Writers’ Conference is $375 and is due after acceptance.

CHAPERONES Teachers and writerly parents are invited to attend all events and participate in their own workshop, free of charge. Contact us for application details.

SCHEDULE For a full schedule of CCYW 2016 events, please visit our website at: champlain.edu/write

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