

CONSERVATORY PLACEMENT ACTIVITY GUIDELINES

CREATIVE WRITING CONSERVATORY Digital Submission & In-Person Placement Activity

Creative Writing (Grades 9-12)

All CSArts-SGV applicants should include one (1) **Personal Statement** when submitting their online application.

Personal Statement

(minimum of 300 words)

An essay describing why they are passionate about attending an art-focused program.

Portfolio Submission Guidelines

All Creative Writing applicants must submit a 15-20 page **PDF Portfolio**. **Multiple documents must be combined into a single PDF.**

The portfolio must be uploaded as a part of the application.

- One of the following **Required Prompts** should be included as the first piece of your portfolio. Please **choose one** of the below prompts and write an original short piece of fiction, no more than five pages, as a response.
 - Write a short story about two characters who are polar opposites of each other.
 - Write a short story that starts off in the middle of the action.
 - Write a short story in which the main character is someone very different from you.
- The portfolio should be 15-20 pages in length and include a variety of work, including both prose and poetry. You may also include samples of screenwriting, playwriting, songwriting, graphic narrative, personal essay, etc.
- The samples can be complete or incomplete. For example, you may submit two or three pages of a longer work if the story or chapter is too long to submit in its entirety.

Placement Activity Guidelines

In addition to submitting their portfolio, students should be prepared to attend a **90-minute Placement Activity** including a reading prompt, writing exercise, and an opportunity to share their work with the Director of Creative Writing and fellow Creative Writing applicants.



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Applicants who are English language learners, have a disability, or need technology assistance are encouraged to reach out for support with the admissions process. Please contact admissions@sgv.csarts.net or 714.560.0900 ext. 5510 for more information.

Hay asistencia disponible para los solicitantes aprendiendo inglés, que tienen una discapacidad, o los que necesitan asistencia tecnológica. Favor de ponerse contacto con nosotros por correo electrónico admissions@sgv.csarts.net o por llamar 714.560.0900 ext. 5510 para más información.