

# 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](mailto: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](mailto:admissions@sgv.csarts.net) o por llamar 714.560.0900 ext. 5510 para más información.

Applicants requesting accommodations must have established eligibility under IDEA, Section 504 or an established Academic Support Plan (private schools only). The documentation must be provided at the time of application submission. Confidential documents must be sent directly to Sean Kerr, Assistant Principal, at [sean.kerr@sgv.csarts.net](mailto:sean.kerr@sgv.csarts.net)

Accommodations must be requested 15 days in advance of placement activities for planning purposes.