

Amherst Writers & Artists

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2009 APPLICATION FOR TRAINING

Please place a check mark next to the training you would like to attend

AWA Writing Group Leadership Training Dates and Locations:

_____ September 9 -13, 2009, Amherst, Massachusetts

_____ October 30--November 3, 2009, Alamo, California

Name:_____

Street Address:_____

City:_____ State:_____

Country:_____

Zip/Postal Code_____

Phone (home):_____

Additional Phone (work or cell):_____

Email:_____

Web Site (if applicable):_____

Please answer the following on a separate document, and please number your brief answers to correlate with the following questions:

1. Have you ever participated in a writing course, retreat, or writing workshop? If so, was this associated with AWA?

2. How did you first hear about the AWA training program?
3. What led you to apply for this training?
4. What expectations do you have for the training?
5. Please tell us briefly about your teaching or facilitating experience, if you have any.
6. Please include two references, personal and/or professional.
7. Please also attach a sample of your writing: up to three poems, journal entries, or an excerpt from a longer work, no more than ten pages total for any of these). Your writing helps the training leaders begin to know your writing voice and interests.
8. Please include an emergency contact and phone number:
9. Please list any specific allergies, including food allergies.
10. Do you require wheelchair accessibility or other physical accommodations? Please specify. (This information is used for planning purposes only, and does not affect acceptance).
11. Are you a vegetarian or a vegan? Please be specific about your dietary preferences.

Registration Policy: Applications received with a \$300 deposit will be reviewed in the order they are received. Once accepted, the deposit is non-refundable.

Cost: The cost of the trainings is \$1200 for the Amherst training, accommodations not included. The cost of the California training is \$1700, which includes a shared room; at this time, our training facilities do not offer single rooms. All applicants will be notified of their status and if accepted, will receive a copy of Pat Schneider's book *Writing Alone and with Others*, (Oxford University Press, 2003); applicants are strongly encouraged to read the book prior to the training. The cost includes tuition, materials, *Writing Alone and With Others*, accommodations, all meals, and a year-long membership to the AWA Affiliate Program. It does not include transportation. Final payment is due eight weeks before the training, unless otherwise specified in your acceptance letter.

Cancellation Policy: If a written cancellation notice is received before the final payment due date, your fee will be refunded, minus the \$300 deposit. If your cancellation is received after the final payment due date, we will retain your fee unless we are able to fill your spot from a waiting list.

If you have questions or concerns, please contact Maureen Buchanan Jones at the number or email in the letterhead.