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Application Guidelines for One-Week Free Writing Retreat:

June 14-21, 2025

(Application deadline: February 28th, 2025)

Do you yearn for some quiet time away from your daily life to focus on your current writing project? Once a year, Maine Writers Studio selects a writer to be invited for a one-week retreat in a gloriously converted barn apartment in Mid-Coast Maine. Candidates will be evaluated based on a brief personal statement, writing sample, and resume.

The Maine Writers Studio's barn apartment is in the town of Brunswick, steps from the town green. The layout is over two levels, with a fully equipped kitchen and open living-dining room plus a half bath on the first floor, and a large, vaulted ceiling bedroom and full bathroom on the second floor. There is a beautiful writing desk on the second floor, and cozy reading nooks both up and downstairs, as well as great Wi-Fi throughout. Washer and dryer on premises. Sheets and towels provided.

All you need to bring are your notebook(s) and computer, some comfortable clothes, and the resolve to get some writing done that may otherwise be difficult for you to do in your daily environment. Walking distance to grocery stores, library, post office, Amtrak train station, and restaurants, etc.

Only the writer may stay. No overnight guests, children, or pets. *

Meals and transportation not included.

The invited writer will agree to participate (as the “literary guest” in conversation with the host, including a reading of work in progress) in the Literary Salon & Open Mic hosted in person by Maine Writers Studio on Wednesday, June 18, 2025, 6-9pm.

To apply, please provide the following (we can only consider applications that include all the components and that adhere to the word limits and formatting):

1. A brief personal statement (**max** 250 words) telling us why this retreat would help you with your goals as a writer, and with your work, and anything else you think is relevant for us to know about you/your work, or that your resume may not show us.
2. A writing sample of your work-in-progress, or a sample of your best writing. (max 1000 words, Times New Roman, 12-font, double spaced **ONLY**)
3. Your resume
4. The completed application cover page (see below)

Send your application materials together in ONE email to **info@mainewritersstudio.com**, with your personal statement ***in the body of the email***, and your completed application cover page (see below), writing sample, and resume in attachments that **MUST** be labelled in the following manner: “Jane Doe Cover Page,” “John Doe Writing Sample,” and “Jane Doe Resume” Your writing sample ***MUST NOT*** have your name in/on the document itself.

Acceptable file types: .pdf, .doc, and .docx

*Apartment is not handicap accessible. Every writer-in-residence must agree to be interviewed by Maine Writers Studio during or after their stay and agree that we use a photo of the writer from their time at the retreat. This is for promotional purposes only and will be used exclusively by Maine Writers Studio.



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One-Week Writing Retreat Application Cover Page

(type or print clearly)

Full Name: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

Social media handles:

Facebook: _____

Instagram: _____

X: _____

Links to 2-3 publications you are particularly proud of:

Briefly describe the project you'd be working on while on a Maine Writers Studio writing retreat: (Think "elevator pitch," and only what fits in the space below)