

Dear Writer,

Thank you for your interest in the North Ed Writers Studio program at Career Tech. This application is specifically for the Writers Studio program. You will also fill out the Career Tech general enrollment application. Students may earn credit for this program through Northwestern Michigan College.

All application materials must be submitted to Ms. Teresa Scollon, tscollon@NorthwestEd.org or mailed to Career Tech, 880 Parsons Drive, Traverse City, MI 49686 by April 15 of the current school year. You can send materials directly to me, or through your home school counselor. Students and home school counselors will be notified of the student's selection status by mid-May.

Class meets five days each week. We do in-depth work in a variety of creative writing and professional writing genres, including a journalism project. We run peer workshops, host visiting writers, and collaborate on projects with other programs. This year we have added an audio production project. Students leave with enhanced confidence and solid writing skills that can be applied to future schooling and/or professional work. You need not be an experienced writer to apply, but you do need to expect a rigorous program with lots of writing!

Should you or your parents or guardians have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me. If your school administrator or counselor has questions, please have them contact Career Tech counselor Barry Bialik at 231-922-6281.

All parts of the application must be completed for consideration. Deadline and formatting instructions are important. Your attention to detail tells us something about your abilities. We are looking forward to reading your submissions!

Sincerely,
Ms. Teresa Scollon
Instructor, Writers Studio
Northwest Education Services
tscollon@NorthwestEd.org
231-922-6579



North Ed Writers Studio Program Application

Name: _____

Address (include city): _____

Phone number: _____

Student email: _____

Parent/guardian names: _____

Parent email: _____

School: _____ Grade next fall: _____

1. Attach one letter of recommendation from someone who is not a relative. People writing letters must be acquainted with the student for at least two years, and be able to speak to the student's writing abilities and work habits.
2. Submit five (5) pages of original writing in the genre of your choice (i.e. fiction, poetry, non-fiction). You can include more than one piece, as long as the total is five pages.
3. Write one (1) complete page about your experience with writing. When and how did you realize that you liked to or were good at writing? What do you like to write? What do you read? Why are you interested in Writers Studio? Make sure your name appears on this page.
4. All parts of the submission must be typed in Times New Roman 12-point font, and double-spaced. Each page should include your last name in the header, and page numbers in the footer. If you don't know how to do this, get some help from your home school or counselor.
5. Submit both pages of this form with your letter of recommendation and your two (2) written pieces (parts 2 and 3 above) to Teresa Scollon, North Ed Career Tech, 880 Parsons Drive, Traverse City, MI 49686 by April 15 of the current school year.
6. Read and sign: I attest that the attached writing samples are original creations of my own.

Student signature: _____

Good writing requires both imaginative energy and skilled use of our language tools. It's also necessary for writers to be skilled in word-processing software. In the Writers Studio, we work on supporting imaginative generation, and sharpening our eyes and skill in the correct use of language, grammar, and punctuation. All work is submitted according to industry standard: as Word or Open Office documents, with industry-standard formatting. We understand that applicants come to us from a variety of schools and backgrounds, so you can be honest with us about what you already know or don't know how to do. We are collecting the following information to help us plan what we need to focus on during the school year.

Please tell us a bit about you:

1. What software do you use to create documents?
2. Do you have experience with Word or Open Office word-processing programs?
3. What ongoing questions/challenges do you have with grammar?
4. How about punctuation? Which are the punctuation marks you use with confidence?
Which are the ones that confuse you?
5. Do you have a computer at home that has software other than Google applications?
6. What do you like to read? What are you reading lately?