



School of the Arts

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Creative Writing Audition Requirements*

Creative Writing applicants must prepare and submit a portfolio by the required deadline. Student portfolios will demonstrate work across a range of writing genres, including examples of poetry, short stories, a short dramatic script, and essays.

The student's portfolio must contain a minimum of 16 pieces, but must not exceed the maximum of 23 pieces. The portfolio must include 3-5 short stories, 10-15 poems, a 5-10 page script for a one-act play, 1 expository essay, and the personal essay. In the personal essay, students should include their reading background and brief reflections on the writing process and analysis of their own work.

Only complete portfolios will be considered for audition. Choose your best work only, as work beyond the maximum number will not be read. Portfolio work will be discussed at the interview with the applicant. Portfolios will be available for pick-up from the front office for four weeks after the audition date; please note that portfolios not picked up by that time will be disposed of.

In addition to the portfolio presentation, students will be asked to complete two classroom writing assignments and to discuss themselves and their work in an interview format with the Creative Writing Director and a writer-in-residence.

About the Creative Writing Department:

*Writers will write across genres in their four years at SOTA: poetry, fiction, plays, and hybrid forms are all part of the curriculum. Students perform and publish their work, and are involved in various community events throughout the school year. **One of the missions of the Creative Writing Department is to bring SOTA writers into the wider San Francisco literary community by having them take part in outside events; students see themselves as writers beyond the school day.** Successful audition pieces come primarily from work done outside the classroom.*

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