

YOUNG WRITERS WORKSHOP

JULY 14-18, 2025

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John Carroll
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ABOUT THE PROGRAM

Part of John Carroll's Summer in The Heights pre-college program, the Young Writers Workshop (YWW) offers students in grades 8-12 an immersive introduction to the art and craft of poetry and short fiction. Running from July 14 to July 18, 2025, on John Carroll University's campus, YWW offers both day camp and overnight options.

Each day, students participate in morning and afternoon sessions with acclaimed writers, who guide them through writing-intensive exercises to spark new poems and stories. In engaging workshop sessions, students share feedback on each other's work, refining their writing through collaborative revision. By the end of the week, students select their best pieces for inclusion in the YWW anthology, published and shared after the program. Families are welcome to attend the final reception and reading.

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HOW TO APPLY

Applications must be submitted online at go.jcu.edu/yww and include the following:

1. Application form
2. A brief personal statement of up to 300 words telling us why you would like to attend the JCU Young Writers Workshop
3. A sample of your creative writing (1-3 pages of poems or prose)

Applications are due by **March 15, 2025**, and scholarships may be available.

DAILY SCHEDULE

9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. Stories
10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Guided Writing
11:00 a.m. - Noon Stories Workshop
Noon - 1:00 p.m. Lunch in Schott Dining Hall
1:00 p.m. - 1:30 p.m. Conferences
1:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. Reading/Talk
2:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. Poems
3:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. Guided Writing
4:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. Poems Workshop

Overnight Option

5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. Dinner in Schott Dining Hall
6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. Games (or field trip to Cleveland)
8:30 p.m. - 10:30 p.m. Free Writing/Reading Time
11:00 p.m. Lights Out



For overnight campers, check-in will take place from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. on Sunday, July 13, 2025. Campers stay in air-conditioned residence halls, in either suites or doubles. John Carroll University undergraduate interns who stay in the dorms are in charge of evening activities, including games, use of the campus pool and facilities, movie showings, and one field trip downtown. All meals are served in Schott Dining Hall at John Carroll University. Vegan, vegetarian, and gluten-free options are available. Check-out will take place directly on Friday, July 18.

COST

Day Camp Option (9 a.m. - 5 p.m.): \$500
Overnight Option: \$1,000



THE FACULTY

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