



**2019-2020 Application Information**  
**Deadline: Friday, April 19, 2019**

Dear Writer,

Thank you for your interest in the Front Street Writers Program at the Traverse Bay Area Intermediate School District's Career-Tech Center, in partnership with the National Writers Series. This application is for the **2019-2020 school year**. Students may earn academic credit including ELA 11, ELA 12, early college credit and also concurrent credit through Ferris State University.

All application materials must be submitted to Ms. Teresa Scollon, Career-Tech Center, 880 Parsons Drive, Traverse City, MI 49686 **by Friday, April 19, 2019**. 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. 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 Center 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, Front Street Writers  
Traverse Bay Area Intermediate School District

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231-922-6579

## Front Street Writers Program Application: 2019-2020

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

Student email: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/guardian names: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent email: \_\_\_\_\_

School: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade in Fall 2019: \_\_\_\_\_

1. Complete both pages of this form.
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 Front Street Writers? Make sure your name appears on this page.
3. 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.
4. Staple this form to the top of your two (2) written pieces and submit to Teresa Scollon, Career-Tech Center, 880 Parsons Drive, Traverse City, MI 49686 by Friday, April 20, 2018.
4. Read and sign: I attest that the attached writing sample is an original creation 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 Front Street Writers, 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 may not already 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?