“I feel more confident about my writing now and I think my teachers will notice the change as well.”
“I learned that all writing can be creative.”
—Past participants

For more information or to download an application, see our website lakeforest.edu/wtw

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Summer Writing & Thinking Workshop on the campus of Lake Forest College and in the city of Chicago.
A National Program

This two-week summer workshop for high school students is part of a long-standing national program established by the Institute for Writing and Thinking at Bard College in New York.

You will live on the Lake Forest College campus and spend much of your time with a small group of students in informal workshops mentored by experienced leaders who will guide you in writing creatively. Living in the residence hall with roommates, eating in the cafeteria, and working with successful college students on your writing in the evening will give you a taste of college life.

Lake Forest College

With its 107 acres of wooded areas and walking paths, less than a mile from the shore of Lake Michigan, the Lake Forest College campus offers an ideal setting for a summer writers’ colony. On campus, you will have access to the College’s state-of-the-art computer facilities and student center.

The Chicago Experience

You will be a short train ride from Chicago where you will explore and write at such places as the renowned Art Institute of Chicago, the Chicago Cultural Center, and the award-winning Millennium Park, a center for music, architecture, and landscape design.

“I have learned new writing techniques that will help quell my insane perfectionism. I feel that I have become more observant, and now I see a writing prompt in everything. I have grown as a person by discovering that I can fit into a group. I feel like I belong here. I’ve made some amazing and intimate friendships that I don’t want to give up.”

—Past participant

The Writing & Thinking Workshop at Lake Forest College

The 2020 workshop runs from June 14 – June 27. The cost, including tuition, housing, meals, and activity fees, is $2,050. Rolling admissions begin in January and typically continue into May. Early application is recommended. Files are reviewed as they become complete, and decisions are normally made within two weeks.

“I remember feeling very free and open at the Workshop. A lot of my favorite writing came out of those two weeks, and I often look back over my notebook. I recommend the Workshop to anyone who asks me where I learned such great writing techniques. It was the best experience of my life.”

—Past participant