

The 2023 *Young Lance* Fellowship

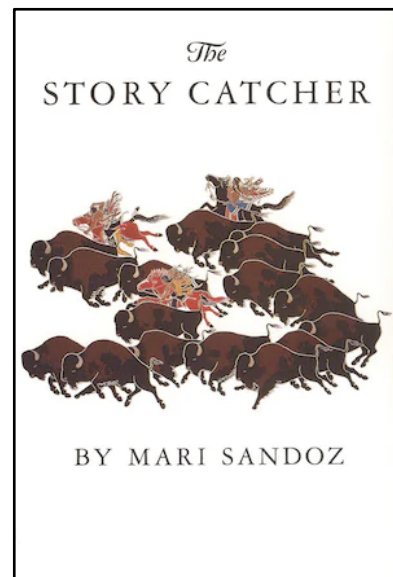
For emerging and underrepresented voices

In her 1963 novel *The Story Catcher*, Mari Sandoz depicts the adventures, sorrows, and hardships of the protagonist “Young Lance” as he develops his talents and eventually earns his new name and honor, “Story Catcher,” the recorder of the history of his people.

The Young Lance Fellowship is therefore dedicated to helping underrepresented writers capture and share their stories.

The 2023 fellowships will support Indigenous, emerging writers who will receive the following support:

- Pre-Workshop Residency at Chadron State College on June 5.
- Story Catcher Workshop Residency at the Creekside Resort, State Game Lodge, in the Black Hills of South Dakota, June 6th through 9th.
- All registration fees, housing, transportation from Chadron State College to the Black Hills (and back) and most meals are included/no-cost.
- Fellows receive special recognition in the Story Catcher program and website, and an opportunity to share their writing at the Story Catcher Festival.



ELIGIBILITY:

The 2023 Young Lance Fellowship is open to emerging writers who are community-recognized members of tribal nations within the United States and its trust territories (including American Indians, Alaska Natives, Native Hawaiians, Chamorros, and American Samoans). Eligible contestants must be community-recognized members of their tribal nation. Formal tribal enrollment is not the only way of acknowledging belonging, and this award aims to recognize all Indigenous writers who are in community.

We welcome applications from writers at all levels, but will prioritize EMERGING writers who have had limited opportunities to publish or share their work. The pre-workshop sessions on the Chadron State College campus will be tailored towards this group and may be less useful to more fully-established writers. Workshop participants must be 18 years of age or older.

- We will be awarding up to **SIX** fellowships in 2023.
- Submissions will be reviewed weekly starting **March 20th**.
- **FINAL APPLICATION DEADLINE is APRIL 10, 2023.**
- *Early submission is recommended.*

FIND OUT MORE:

storycatcherworkshop.org

2023 Young Lance Fellowship Application

PLEASE COMPOSE A STATEMENT THAT INCLUDES THE FOLLOWING:

Name:

Email:

Daytime Phone:

Mailing Address:

School or Institutional Affiliation (if any).

1. Please list your tribal affiliation(s) and note the Nation in which you are enrolled. If you are not enrolled in the Nation with which you are affiliated, please provide a statement supporting the nature of your affiliation and/or familial connection, descendancy, or community connection.
2. Please provide a brief biographical statement (about 50 words).
3. Tell us about your writing background: what do you like to write? What are your goals as a writer? Share any interests and experiences, including any writing or literature courses, workshops/conferences or publications you have been involved with.
4. Tell us why you should be chosen for this award: why are you interested in attending the Pre-Workshop Residency at Chadron State College? The 2023 Story Catcher Retreat in the Black Hills? How would you benefit from this fellowship?
5. Please provide us a writing sample: share any poems, prose items, rough drafts or works in progress or outlines, proposals or sketches of ideas you would like to write--or projects showing promise that our residencies might support. (15 pages, maximum). If a work has been published, please indicate when and where.

By completing this application, you affirm that YOUR STATEMENTS ARE TRUTHFUL and that ALL WRITING SAMPLES ARE YOUR OWN. Evidence of plagiarism or academic dishonesty will result in rejection of the application or cancellation of the award. Application materials will not be returned.

Send Application Materials to:

Story Catcher Writing Workshop Awards Committee
Dr. Matthew Evertson, Co-Director
Chadron State College
Department of English & Humanities
1000 Main Street
Chadron, NE. 69337
(308) 432-6462

OR EMAIL the above information and writing samples to mevertson@csc.edu

NOTE: These awards and application materials are inspired by the Poetry Northwest James Welch Prize for Indigenous Writers and the Indigenous Nations Poets (In-Na-Po) Annual Retreat. You can learn more about these worthy programs here: poetrynw.org/james-welch-prize and indigenousnationspoets.org