**STAGE TWO OF APPLICATION: FINALISTS**

**Due Monday April 8, 2024**

**This stage 2 application consists of: 1) the names of two referees; 2) the 1-2 page application essay 2) 3) your writing sample of 8-10 pages. *Save this file as a single word and submit it electronically under the file name SurnameStageTwo***

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| Student Name | Major (English, CW, Education) & Class standing as of ***Fall 2024 (so next fall!)*** |
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1. **NAMES AND EMAIL ADDRESSES OF TWO FACULTY RECOMMENDERS (NOTE THEIR LETTERS are due separately from this application. As part of your application process, you must email the separate ‘Form for Referees’ to each of your referees with Nancy copied. The application will be incomplete without this email corroboration that your referees have received this form from you. Your referees’ letters are due to our office MONDAY, APRIL 15. Please be PROACTIVE about communicating these dates to your referees and making sure they have a copy of your completed Stage Two application as soon as it’s ready.**

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1. **APPLICATION ESSAY**

Write an essay describing your specific intellectual interests and development. **Limit this part of the application to two pages, double-spaced, in 12-pt type**. All English majors like to read; focus on texts and questions that illuminate your development as a reader, writer, and especially as a scholar. Give examples of interests, including any distinctive research projects, you’ve developed in your coursework; discuss outside activities. If you wish, explain how these interests point to a possible future career or graduate study. *Make sure to address your eligibility for some of the fellowships that carry restrictions.* Do not include these directions in the final version. ***Some of these specific eligibility criteria include financial aid if applying for the Hook and/or Meils, extra-curricular and part-time work for the Oberg; eligibility for the Seng; first language for Woodmansee, etc.***

1. **WRITING SAMPLE**

Please cut and paste an 8-10-page writing sample of work from a past course that best exemplifies your strengths in writing and research (double-spaced in 12-point font; you can provide an extract from a longer work as well). For CW majors, this essay can represent your best creative work. You can also submit 2 shorter papers. If you wish to submit an extract from a longer work, include short explanation enclosed in [square brackets] of where this extract fits into larger project. THIS MUST BE CUT AND PASTED INTO THIS APPLICATION AND NOT SUBMITTED SEPARATELY

By signing my name below, I certify that all the information provided by me in this application is true and accurately reflects work that I have completed. The Department of English has my permission to verify any information I have stated herein. I understand that misrepresentation of any information contained in this application will disqualify me from consideration for the scholarships administered by the Department of English.

SIGNATURE DATE