

Guidelines for the Literature Scholarship

Writer of the City of Graz

Call for applications for the "Writer of the City of Graz" scholarship for the period of September 1st (year of awarding) until August 31st (the following year)

Donation / Intention of Promotion

The City of Graz awards the "Writer of the City of Graz" scholarship each year. The scholarship includes the provision of an apartment for free at the Cerrini-Schloessl on the Schlossberg, from September 1st of the year of awarding until August 31st of the following year, and a monthly allowance of EURO 1.100,--. The Kulturvermittlung Steiermark, together with the Culture Department of the City of Graz, will provide support to the guest.

The intention of the scholarship is to promote writers who show innovative ability and reflection/examination of current subject matters, quality in aesthetic and linguistic terms, authenticity and artistic independence. The residence in Graz is intended to contribute to cultural exchange and interaction with the local literature scene. The scholarship holders explicitly agree to stay in Graz for at least 8 months during this period.

Writers who already have been "Writers of the City of Graz" in the past cannot apply again for this scholarship.

The submission deliberately does not provide any regional restrictions for the applicants, in order to make intercultural discourse between European and non-European writers possible.

Basic Requirements

- cultural interest in and linguistic affinity to Graz
- basic German language ability
- at least one autonomous literary publication (no private publishing); five published texts in magazines or anthologies; or two already broadcasted or published radio plays; or one stage play already performed at a theatre or published
- cooperativeness for a dialog between literature and the local urban environment
- cooperativeness for participation in readings, lectures at schools, discussions, etc. arranged by the City of Graz-Department for Cultural Affairs or the Kulturvermittlung Steiermark, in order to connect with the public and the cultural scene in Graz
- working out a proposal for a specific project, which shall be realised during the duration of the stay

Required Documents (six copies)

- statement of purpose (informal)
- curriculum vitae (resume)
- list of publications
- 2 different publications (plus translation if not published in German) *
- printed texts (5-10 pages prose or drama texts; or 5 poems in original language with German translation)
- concept for the proposed project (appr. 2 pages DIN A4) **

* Dimension: 5 to 10 pages text samples, sending of books not necessary

** Description of a concrete project idea to be implemented during the stay in Graz

Method of Awarding

- call for applications
- evaluation by the extended advisory board for literature and the City of Graz-Department for Cultural Affairs
- decision by City of Graz authorities

Deadline for Applications:

March 31st 2009 (valid is the date of postmark)

Applications should be sent to:

Kulturamt der Stadt Graz
City of Graz – Cultural Office
Stigergasse 2/II. Stock (Mariahilfer Platz)
8020 Graz
Austria

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