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# HOUSE OF HUMANE LETTERS

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## **THE FELLOWSHIP: A Literary Mentorship**

Students and teachers have been asking me for years to develop a mentorship program--a way for students to be personally mentored and trained by me, to go deeper into their understanding of literature, literary theory, the imagination, and teaching practices and principles.

**To that end, I announce The Fellowship: A Literary Mentorship Program.**

### Requirements and Cost:

**Prerequisites:** How to Read Literature class and How to Read Fairy Tales mini-class. Pints with Jack episode. The two episodes on The Building Blocks of Story on The New Mason Jar Podcast. How to Read Beowulf (optional but highly recommended)

**Requirements:** Fellows will read, watch videos, attend Zoom discussions and write (on the class Forum and other places, not formal essays but practice articulating your understanding of literature). Zoom meetings will follow a school year (September - beginning of May). We will have an in-person retreat in June, in North Carolina, which is mandatory.

**Retreat:** Fellows gather in Madison, NC, **June 22-26, 2024**, for an in-person retreat. After acceptance in the program, you can coordinate your travel and lodging plans with Jone Rose, Hospitality Coordinator. Housing is at local Bed and Breakfasts and costs are minimal. The retreat is at a Historic Home in Madison as well as at The House of Humane Letters itself.

**Cost: \$3000 with a \$500 non-refundable deposit** to secure your seat upon acceptance in the program. Travel and lodging costs associated with the retreat are not included in the tuition and are an additional cost. We will make every effort to keep things affordable, and can make payment plans available. The tuition balance will be due in August before classes begin. We can also break the payments up by semester. \$1500 for Fall Semester due in August (\$500 for the deposit and \$1000 balance) and \$1500 due in January before class resumes.

## The Application

This application is an opportunity for us to get to know you so please tell us any relevant information that will help us to understand where you are in your Literary Life.

Fill out the following questions as instructed as well as the essay prompt at the bottom. To begin, create a new document with your first and last names as well as your preferred email address at the top. Copy and paste the following questions (including the question numbers) into the new document and type your answers underneath each question. On the next page (not a new document), you can type your essay response.

1. Describe your educational background. Include all that's relevant.
2. Tell us about your literary journey. Mention if you listen to the podcast and how much.
3. List all House of Humane Letters classes and webinars you've taken. Include purchases that you have not yet viewed and indicate that. Also include classes that your children have taken and indicate that as well.
4. The How to Read Fairy Tale Class and the How to Read Literature class are both prerequisites for this Fellowship. Briefly summarize what you got out of each of those classes.
5. Why do you want to join this fellowship and what do you hope to get out of it?

**ESSAY:** Include with this application an essay on the topic: "Why read literature?"

Once completed, save the document as a PDF named "FirstNameLastName\_FellowshipApplication". For example, one might type "JaneDoe\_FellowshipApplication" as the title of the file.

**We are requiring a \$50.00 application fee that can be processed in our online store. A link to the product can be found [HERE](#). Once the order is complete, you will receive an email with an order number.**

In an email with the subject line "Fellowship Application," attach your completed PDF application. **In the body of the email, include your confirmed order number for your application fee of \$50.00.** Send this email to [contact.humaneletters@gmail.com](mailto:contact.humaneletters@gmail.com).

**Due Date:** This application and essay must be submitted via email to **contact.humaneletters@gmail.com** by **March 1, 2024**. Please allow 24 hours to receive a confirmation of submission. You will receive a response to your application as soon as possible. Please give us plenty of time to read these and make our very difficult selection.

Checklist:

- Answer the application questions in a document. Save that document as a PDF named “FirstNameLastName\_FellowshipApplication”
- Purchase the \$50.00 application fee from the HHL website [HERE](#).
- Send an email to [contact.humaneletters@gmail.com](mailto:contact.humaneletters@gmail.com)
  - Subject line: “Fellowship Application”
  - Body text: order number from your application fee purchase
  - Attach your PDF application