

The Michael S. Gorniak Memorial Scholarship in Creative Writing 2019-2020

The University of Colorado Denver will award one or more scholarships to a student or students enrolled in the Creative Writing program at the University of Colorado Denver in memory of Michael Stewart Gorniak (BA 2004).

Michael Stewart Gorniak was an ebullient spirit and a tireless writer, always searching for new ways to express himself, improve his art, and to help others. Michael worked for the UCD Student Newspaper and in the UCD Writing Center and in various efforts in the Denver Metro community to create support networks for artists. More than anything, Michael wanted to change the world with his words.

The Michael S. Gorniak Memorial Scholarship committee seeks to award one or more scholarships (totaling at least \$1000) to students who embody this spirit. The scholarship **must be used** during the 2019-2020 academic year.

ELIGIBILITY

Eligible students must be:

- Currently enrolled at the University of Colorado Denver (as of Spring 2019)
- Enrolled (or pending enrollment) in courses at the University of Colorado Denver for one or more semesters during the 2019-2020 academic year
- Declared majors or minors in Creative Writing (ENGL-CRW)

APPLICATION PROCESS

To apply, a student should write a one-page letter to the Gorniak Scholarship Committee describing his or her goals as a Creative Writing major or minor, relevant accomplishments, and community involvement. If desired, the applicant may also (briefly) explain his or her financial needs, though this is not a central focus of the scholarship or its award.

This letter, along with a digital copy of the student's unofficial transcript, should be emailed to committee chair Brian Barker at brian.barker@ucdenver.edu with the subject line GORNIAK SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION.

Letters of application are due **by 5pm on Monday, May 6, 2019**. Scholarship award decisions will be announced no later than May 17, 2019.