

DISENFRANCHISED WRITERS' VOICES

Scholarship Application

"Your Voice, Our Mission."

Application Form—2026 Funding Cycle

Before you begin: All documents must be current and not expired. Redact each document as described in its section, but keep any issue, validity, or EXPIRATION dates visible. On your proof of need, leave your NAME, DATE OF BIRTH, and any document dates visible—black out SSN, address, account numbers, and sensitive employer details. On your photo ID, leave only NAME, DATE OF BIRTH, PHOTOGRAPH, and EXPIRATION DATE visible; redact everything else. You don't need to calculate your own eligibility—just provide the information and documents below, and DWV will run the numbers. Incomplete, unredacted, or expired submissions may delay review.

Section 1—Applicant Information

Full legal name:

Preferred name (optional):

Date of birth:

MM / DD / YYYY

State of residence:

Email:

Pronouns (optional):

Section 2—Household & Income

Just tell us about your household and income below and attach the supporting documents in Section 3. DWV reviewers will determine eligibility using a household-adjusted living-wage standard—you don't need to do any calculations. Note: your household includes you, a spouse or domestic partner (if financially linked), and any dependents you support, and spousal/partner income must be included.

2A. Household composition

Number of adults in household:

Number of dependent children:

2B. Household income sources

List all income for everyone in the household: wages (all adults), freelance/self-employment, SSDI/SSI, unemployment, alimony or child support received, and any consistent financial support.

Source / type	Who	Annual amount
TOTAL HOUSEHOLD INCOME		\$

2C. Special considerations (optional)

If raw income numbers don't reflect your situation, briefly explain. DWV may make case-by-case adjustments for high medical expenses (especially for disabled applicants), caregiving responsibilities, in-state cost-of-living disparities, or recently lost income.

Section 3—Proof of Financial Need

Attach at least one of the following (check all you are submitting):

- ☐ SSI / SSDI documentation
- ☐ SNAP / Medicaid / other benefits documentation
- ☐ Most recent tax return
- ☐ Unemployment benefits documentation
- ☐ Proof of participation in an income-qualified program
- ☐ Letter from a social worker, case manager, or nonprofit verifying hardship (optional but accepted)
- ☐ **All documents submitted above are current and not expired.**

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Section 4—Proof of Identity

- ☐ Government-issued photo ID attached
- ☐ **My ID is current and not expired.**

Leave only your NAME, DATE OF BIRTH, PHOTOGRAPH, and EXPIRATION DATE visible. Redact all other information on the ID. Expired IDs are not accepted.

Section 5—Creative Work

Manuscripts may be submitted at any stage.

Working title:

Genre / form:

Approximate word count:

Current stage:

e.g., draft, revision, near-complete

File name(s) attached:

- ☐ **I confirm this work is human-created. No AI-generated or AI-assisted writing was used.**

AI-generated or AI-assisted writing is strictly prohibited. Discovery results in immediate disqualification and a permanent ban from future DWV scholarships. Scholarship funds may not be used for AI writing tools, AI editing tools, or AI-generated art/covers.

Section 6—Business Plan & Use of Funds

Outline how you intend to use the funds. Encouraged uses include human editors, cover artists, book coaches, sensitivity readers, and formatting professionals.

Service	Provider (if known)	Est. cost	Quote/invoice attached?
TOTAL REQUESTED		\$	

Project timeline: *e.g., editing Jul–Aug, design Sep*

☐ Quotes or invoices from providers are attached (strongly considered, not required)

Brief narrative

Section 7—Mission Alignment

In a few sentences, describe how your work and goals align with DWV's values: equity and access in publishing; respectful, ethical engagement in literary spaces; and a commitment to creative integrity and human-centered artistic work.

Section 8—Publicity Preference

- ☐ I consent to being publicly announced as a recipient, if selected.
- ☐ I prefer to opt out of public announcement (private recognition only).

Section 9—Agreements & Attestations

- ☐ **Conduct:** I agree to maintain conduct aligned with DWV values. I understand that harassment, bullying, doxxing, hate speech or discriminatory conduct, evidence-free public accusations ("AI witch hunting"), sustained bad-faith engagement, and plagiarism are prohibited and may result in revocation or a future-funding ban.
- ☐ **Truthful information:** All information and documents I provide are truthful and accurate. I understand that misrepresenting income, household size, dependents, or disability/benefit status, or submitting altered or falsified documents, results in immediate disqualification, a permanent ban, and revocation of any funds already distributed.
- ☐ **No AI:** My submitted creative work is human-created, and I will not use awarded funds for AI writing, editing, or art tools.
- ☐ **Follow-up:** If awarded, I will submit receipts/proof of spending and a brief progress update within 12 months.

Signature	Date
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Appeals: If your application is denied, you may request reconsideration within 14 days and submit additional documentation. Recipients facing revocation will be notified and may submit a written appeal.