



## Great River Writer's Retreat October 17-23, 2010

*Let the tranquility of the  
Upper Mississippi River Valley  
inspire you!*

The winning Iowa or Illinois writer will receive six nights' accommodation at the Benet House Retreat Center in Rock Island, Illinois, a travel stipend, and an invitation to read at St. Ambrose University in Davenport, Iowa.

The application must include a cover page (see below), your resume (listing publications and any relevant work experience), a statement describing the project you intend to work on while at Great River Writer's Retreat, and a 10-page sample of your work (poets: 10 pages of poetry, one poem per page; fiction and nonfiction writers: 10 pages of a short story, essay, novel excerpt or other work, accompanied by a brief synopsis if necessary). The work sample should be taken from writing done within the last three years.



*Poet & writer Sarah J. Gardner serves as retreat coordinator. Past winners include Emma Rainey and Jennifer Perrine.*

*3 copies of the application materials must include:*

- ✓ Cover page, listing
  - Name
  - Address
  - Email
  - Telephone
  - Genre
- ✓ Proof of Iowa or Illinois Residence
- ✓ Professional Resume
- ✓ Project Description
- ✓ Work Sample (no more than 10 pages)
- ✓ Reading Fee (or pay online via PayPal)
- ✓ Self-Addressed, Stamped Envelope for Notification (optional)
- ✓ Self-Addressed, Stamped Postcard for Confirmation of Application Receipt (optional)

*The Midwest Writing Center is a member of the Council of Literary Magazines and Presses (CLMP) and follows its contest ethics guidelines.*

Include a self-addressed, stamped envelope for notification. Optionally, you may also include a self-addressed, stamped postcard to confirm receipt of your application. Application materials will be recycled once the retreat has ended; please retain copies for your own record. The winner of the retreat will be notified by **July 15**.

Questions about the retreat or application may be sent to [contest@midwestwritingcenter.org](mailto:contest@midwestwritingcenter.org) Please place the word "retreat" in the subject line. Application must be **postmarked** by **June 1**. Include a \$15 reading fee (nonrefundable) payable by check to Midwest Writing Center. Reading fee may also be paid via PayPal. Send 3 copies of the application materials and a \$15 reading fee by **June 1** to:

Midwest Writing Center  
The Great River Retreat  
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Davenport, IA 52801



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