



Association of Writers
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Association of Writers & Writing Programs (AWP) Receives \$15,000 Grant from the McKnight Foundation to Support Writers in Minnesota

Fairfax, VA, October 15, 2014 — AWP is pleased to announce a new grant of \$15,000 from the McKnight Foundation. The grant funds will be used to provide complimentary registrations to 100 writers throughout Minnesota to attend the #AWP15 Conference and Bookfair in Minneapolis. AWP will work with a large number of diverse literary organizations to disperse the registrations to writers and poets throughout the state.

Below is a list of some of the Minnesota literary organizations AWP will provide conference registrations to:

Coffee House Press, Givens Foundation, Graywolf Press, Holy Cow! Press, Intermedia Arts, Milkweed Editions, Minnesota Spoken Word Association, Mizna, New Rivers Press, Perpich Center for Arts Education, *Rain Taxi Review of Books*, and *Revolver*.

AWP Executive Director David Fenza said, “AWP is thrilled to receive this grant from the McKnight Foundation that will allow so many writers and poets throughout the state of Minnesota to attend our upcoming conference and bookfair in Minneapolis.”

The McKnight Foundation, a Minnesota-based family foundation, seeks to improve the quality of life for present and future generations through grantmaking, collaboration, and encouragement of strategic policy reform.

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The mission of the Association of Writers & Writing Programs is to foster literary achievement, to advance the art of writing as essential to a good education, and to serve the makers, teachers, students, and readers of contemporary writing. Founded in 1967, AWP supports nearly 50,000 writers, over 500 college and university creative writing programs, and 100 writers' conferences and centers.