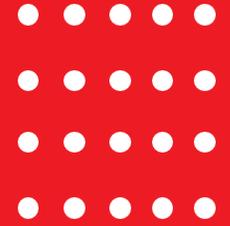


Ruth Lilly and Dorothy Sargent Rosenberg Poetry Fellowships



Informational Webinar



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Background



The Poetry Foundation awards five Ruth Lilly and Dorothy Sargent Rosenberg Poetry Fellowships annually, in the amount of \$27,000. Fellows are also invited to publish in *Poetry* magazine and participate in an optional fellows gathering/reading.

The fellowships were established in 1989 by the Indianapolis philanthropist Ruth Lilly and expanded in 2013 with a gift from the Dorothy Sargent Rosenberg Memorial Fund.

Since 1989, the Poetry Foundation has awarded 110 fellowships. Past winners include Roger Reeves, Danez Smith, Franny Choi, José Olivares, Fatimah Asghar, Ocean Vuong, Erika L. Sánchez, Kaveh Akbar, and Jos Charles.





Application Guidelines

- Applicants must be between the ages of 21 and 31 in 2026. **If you are turning 21 or are 31 at any time in 2026 you are eligible to apply.**
- Applicants should be able to demonstrate a commitment to poetry.
- Applicants must be US citizens (including those living abroad) or currently reside in the US (regardless of immigration status).
- Applicants will be required to submit an application via the Poetry Foundation's online awards portal that contains a poetry work sample not to exceed 10 pages by **Monday, March 2nd at 5:00PM (Central)**.
- We do not begin reviewing applications until **AFTER** the application deadline.
- Please review your application thoroughly before submitting. **Once your application is submitted you cannot request changes.**
- All applications will be reviewed by an external committee of reviewers, and finalists will be chosen by a committee of final round judges. All reviewers and judges are poets, and are paid for their work as reviewers.





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Application Questions

In addition to the 10 page poetry work sample, you will be asked the following questions as part of the application:

- How would you describe your work as a poet (what are you engaging with, questioning, challenging, and/or imagining)? What are you most proud of in your writing?
- In what ways are you engaged with poetry outside of your own writing practice?
- What poets influence you and your writing?
- What are your future goals in regards to poetry?
- Optional: Have you experienced any barriers to support as a poet that you would like for us to consider?

We also ask that you upload a resume or curriculum vitae (CV), which includes any education, professional positions, grants, prizes, fellowships, awards, residencies, commissions, etc.



Awards Application Portal

The Poetry Foundation offers alternative application formats (e.g., audio format, video format, and interview with transcription) for accessibility purposes. The applications will be transcribed into the application format in the portal. Please contact Grants@PoetryFoundation.org by **February 20, 2026** to arrange a method of submitting the application that best meets your accessibility needs.

Please note, if you have not set up an account in our system, you will have to register for an account before applying. **February 27, 2026** is the deadline to submit application portal registration for first time applicants.

https://poetryfoundation.fluxx.io/user_sessions/new



Registration Step 1

POETRY FOUNDATION

Welcome to the Poetry Foundation Online Portal

Login (all fields required)

[Forgot Password?](#)

[The Poetry Foundation](#) is a 501(c)(3) exempt private foundation; its mission is to amplify poetry and celebrate poets by fostering spaces for all to create, experience, and share poetry. The Foundation strives to achieve this through an array of programs and publications designed to develop new audiences, create innovative avenues for delivery, and recognize and support all forms of poetry.

The Poetry Foundation provides [general operating support grants](#) to nonprofit poetry organizations, presses, publications, and select literary arts service organizations to support and strengthen core operations. As of 2025, the Foundation no longer provides program support grants and no longer funds universities and colleges.

The Poetry Foundation also offers fellowships, awards, and prizes to individuals. Individuals applying for a [Ruth Lilly and Dorothy Sargent Rosenberg Poetry Fellowship](#), and individuals nominating book-length works of criticism for the [Pegasus Award for Poetry Criticism](#) or poets for the [Young People Poet's Laureate](#) will need to register and apply using this portal.

Create Your Profile

To access the portal, please click on the "Request Access" button below to register. If your registration is approved, you will receive an email notification from the Poetry Foundation within three to five business days with log-in credentials and you will be able to proceed with submitting an application or nomination.

Click [here](#) for a guide on how to get started.

The Poetry Foundation is committed to accessibility and reducing barriers to completing your online request, please contact grants@poetryfoundation.org if we can help make the process more accessible.

Click here to access registration form

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[Privacy Policy](#) [Accessibility](#)

Registration Step 2

POETRY FOUNDATION

Welcome to the Poetry Foundation Online Portal

Please complete the online registration form below and make sure to respond to all required information, which appears in **bold**.

You will receive an email with further instructions from the Poetry Foundation within three to five business days of submitting this form. If you do not receive an email response within three to five business days, please check your spam folder. The registration response will be coming from an @fluxx.io email address, so please adjust your email permissions to accept emails from this sender.

If you are already registered and need to **reset your password**, please do not submit another registration. Instead, return to the login page and choose reset or create password.

Click [here](#) if you would like to preview or download a Word version of the grants registration questions.

If you have any questions or are having any issues with accessibility within the grant and award portal, please contact grants@poetryfoundation.org

Please indicate the type of applicant you are using the following attributes:

For Grants (non-profit organizations)

If you are applying for a grant and using this portal for the first time (which was only recently launched in August 2022), please choose **Initial applicant for a grant**.

If you are already registered in the portal and would like to add another user or contact to your organization's application, please choose **Additional contact for a grant application**.

For Fellowships, Prizes, and Awards (individuals)

If you are applying for a **Ruth Lilly and Dorothy Sargent Rosenberg Poetry Fellowship**, please choose **Fellowship application as an individual**.

If you are nominating a book-length work of poetry criticism for the **Pegasus Award for Poetry Criticism**, please choose **Nominator for Awards and Prizes**.

What type of applicant are you?

Fellowship application as an individual

Eligibility Questions

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Are you a U.S. citizen or do you currently reside in the U.S.?

Cancel Submit Request

Choose "Fellowship Application as an individual" and complete the registration form



**Registration email with
login link - Please check
your spam folder**

Dear Beca ,

Your registration for the Poetry Foundation's online portal has been approved.

You have been assigned the user name: rjurado121595@gmail.com . These credentials allow you to login at <https://poetryfoundation.fluxx.io>.

Please use the link below to setup your password (this link expires after 7 days):

<https://poetryfoundation.fluxx.io/token/e9404a7e5ec730dc3b285b549b5bb1501df742f6224b3f0f19>

Access to the Poetry Foundation's [online portal](#) allows you to submit grant and fellowship applications and nominations for awards.

For grants, please visit www.poetryfoundation.org/grants to access our grant making guidelines and FAQs, and to learn more about the type of work we fund.

For fellowships and awards, please visit www.poetryfoundation.org/foundation/awards to review eligibility guidelines.

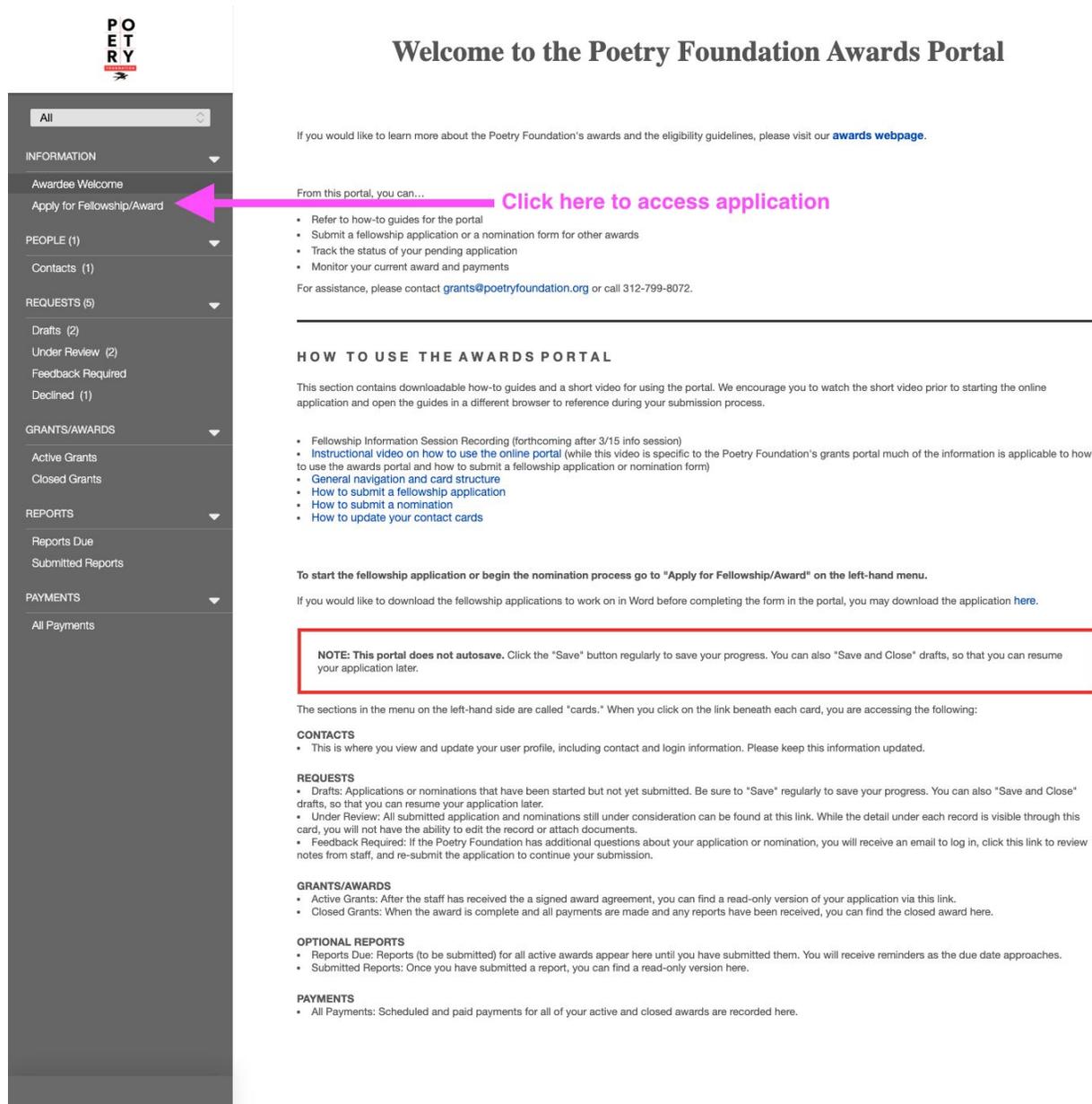
If you have any questions, please contact grants@poetryfoundation.org.

Thank you,

The Poetry Foundation Team

Once you are logged into the portal:

Step 1: Access application page



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Welcome to the Poetry Foundation Awards Portal

If you would like to learn more about the Poetry Foundation's awards and the eligibility guidelines, please visit our [awards webpage](#).

From this portal, you can... **Click here to access application**

- Refer to how-to guides for the portal
- Submit a fellowship application or a nomination form for other awards
- Track the status of your pending application
- Monitor your current award and payments

For assistance, please contact grants@poetryfoundation.org or call 312-799-8072.

HOW TO USE THE AWARDS PORTAL

This section contains downloadable how-to guides and a short video for using the portal. We encourage you to watch the short video prior to starting the online application and open the guides in a different browser to reference during your submission process.

- Fellowship Information Session Recording (forthcoming after 3/15 info session)
- Instructional video on how to use the online portal** (while this video is specific to the Poetry Foundation's grants portal much of the information is applicable to how to use the awards portal and how to submit a fellowship application or nomination form)
- General navigation and card structure
- How to submit a fellowship application
- How to submit a nomination
- How to update your contact cards

To start the fellowship application or begin the nomination process go to "Apply for Fellowship/Award" on the left-hand menu.

If you would like to download the fellowship applications to work on in Word before completing the form in the portal, you may download the application [here](#).

NOTE: This portal does not autosave. Click the "Save" button regularly to save your progress. You can also "Save and Close" drafts, so that you can resume your application later.

The sections in the menu on the left-hand side are called "cards." When you click on the link beneath each card, you are accessing the following:

CONTACTS

- This is where you view and update your user profile, including contact and login information. Please keep this information updated.

REQUESTS

- Drafts: Applications or nominations that have been started but not yet submitted. Be sure to "Save" regularly to save your progress. You can also "Save and Close" drafts, so that you can resume your application later.
- Under Review: All submitted application and nominations still under consideration can be found at this link. While the detail under each record is visible through this card, you will not have the ability to edit the record or attach documents.
- Feedback Required: If the Poetry Foundation has additional questions about your application or nomination, you will receive an email to log in, click this link to review notes from staff, and re-submit the application to continue your submission.

GRANTS/AWARDS

- Active Grants: After the staff has received the a signed award agreement, you can find a read-only version of your application via this link.
- Closed Grants: When the award is complete and all payments are made and any reports have been received, you can find the closed award here.

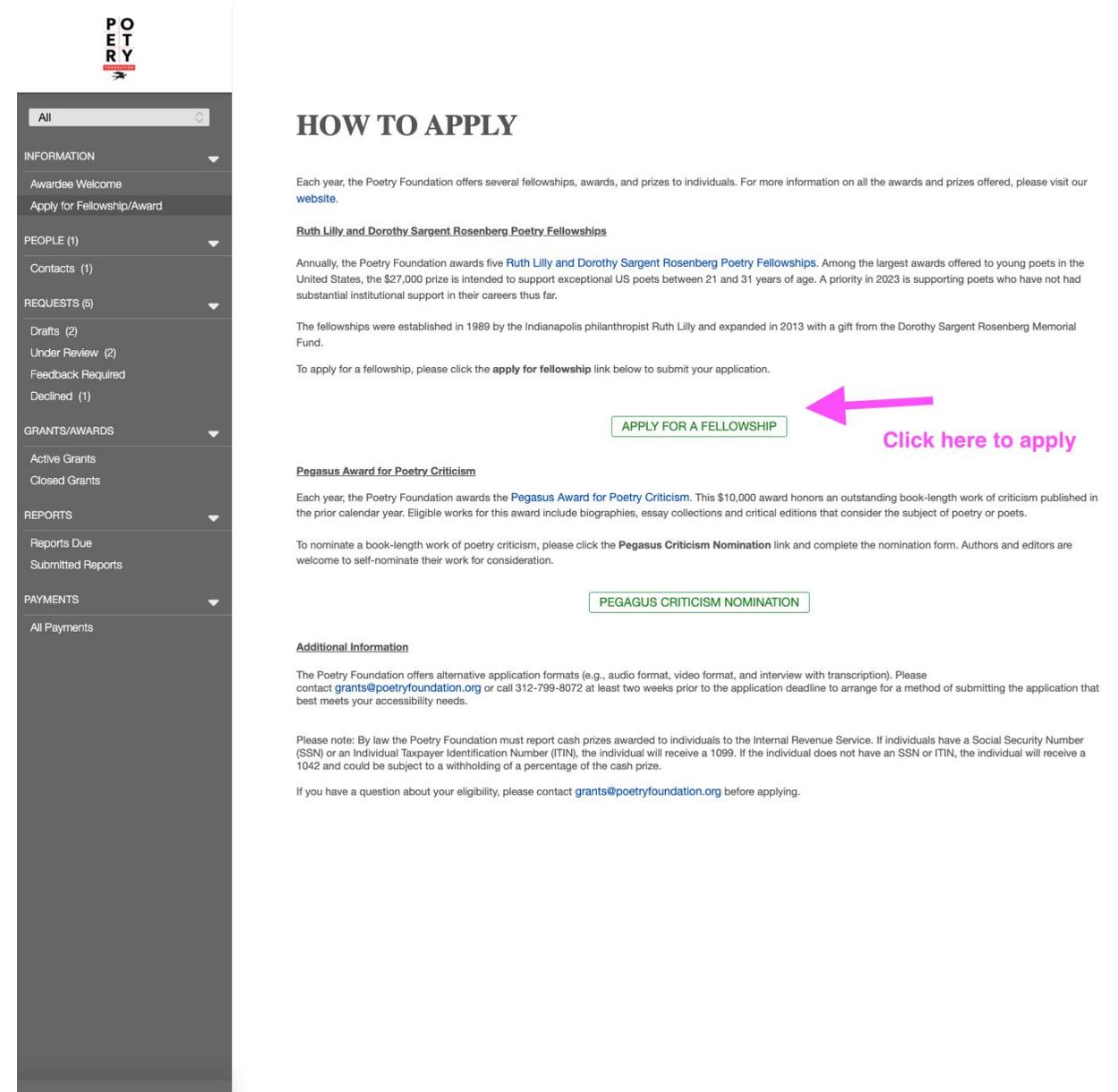
OPTIONAL REPORTS

- Reports Due: Reports (to be submitted) for all active awards appear here until you have submitted them. You will receive reminders as the due date approaches.
- Submitted Reports: Once you have submitted a report, you can find a read-only version here.

PAYMENTS

- All Payments: Scheduled and paid payments for all of your active and closed awards are recorded here.

Step 2: Access application



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HOW TO APPLY

Each year, the Poetry Foundation offers several fellowships, awards, and prizes to individuals. For more information on all the awards and prizes offered, please visit our [website](#).

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To apply for a fellowship, please click the **apply for fellowship** link below to submit your application.

Click here to apply

Pegasus Award for Poetry Criticism

Each year, the Poetry Foundation awards the [Pegasus Award for Poetry Criticism](#). This \$10,000 award honors an outstanding book-length work of criticism published in the prior calendar year. Eligible works for this award include biographies, essay collections and critical editions that consider the subject of poetry or poets.

To nominate a book-length work of poetry criticism, please click the **Pegasus Criticism Nomination** link and complete the nomination form. Authors and editors are welcome to self-nominate their work for consideration.

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Additional Information

The Poetry Foundation offers alternative application formats (e.g., audio format, video format, and interview with transcription). Please contact grants@poetryfoundation.org or call 312-799-8072 at least two weeks prior to the application deadline to arrange for a method of submitting the application that best meets your accessibility needs.

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If you have a question about your eligibility, please contact grants@poetryfoundation.org before applying.

How to continue working on an application you have already started

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Search...

Chris Moskal
ID: R-202303-03053
Project Title: Lilly-Rosenberg Fellowships

Chris Moskal
ID: R-202303-03027
Project Title: Lilly-Rosenberg Fellowships

Step 2: If the draft does not automatically open to the right, click here

Step 1: Click on "drafts" to continue work on an application you started click here

Step 3: Click edit if you are returning to work on a draft you already started

Step 4: When you finish the application click submit, which will appear after you "save and close" the application.

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Draft

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Application Tips

To edit a draft or respond to a revision request, select "**Edit**" at the top right.

BOLD text indicates a required field.

All character counts are **with spaces**.

"**Save and Close**" to save your responses and resume your application later.

"Save and Close" and select the "**Print**" icon at the top right to print a copy of your responses to this form.

Upon completion click "**Save and Close**" and then "**Submit**" or "**Withdraw**" your application.

Please review your answers carefully before submitting.

If you need to make edits to a submitted application please contact us at, grants@poetryfoundation.org.

Applicant Details

Name: Chris Moskal

Withdraw Application **Submit**

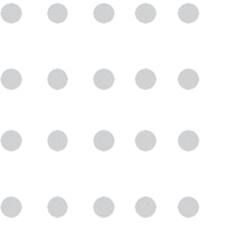


2026 Timeline

- January 15 - applications opened
- February 20 - deadline to request alternate application format for accessibility purposes
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- February 27 - deadline to submit registration request for first time applicants
- Monday, March 2, 5:00 PM (CT) - application deadline
- Late July - applicants notified of decision
- Early-August - public announcement of fellows and finalists

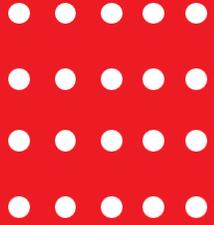


Questions?



Please use the Q&A function
to ask questions at this time.





Thank you. _____

If you have any further questions or need any assistance, please contact us at:

Grants@PoetryFoundation.org

