



DOROTHY WEST SCHOLARSHIP

Dorothy West was one of the pioneer members of the Harlem Renaissance, the great flowering of African-American arts and literature that took place in the 1920s in New York. The Dorothy West Scholarship, named in her honor, has been made possible through the generous contributions of a graduate of Bard College at Simon's Rock. It is designed to help a student of color (e.g., Black, Hispanic, Latinx, Chicano/Chicana, Asian, Indian, Native American) with demonstrated financial need attend the Young Writers Workshop. **Only students currently attending school and residing with their families in the U.S. or its territories are eligible to apply.** The scholarship covers the full cost of tuition and room and board as well as a number of off-campus cultural events that the student may choose to attend during the workshop. It does not cover travel expenses to the college.

The application process for the scholarship is generally the same as for regular admission to the workshop, with the following exceptions:

- 1) Applicants must indicate on the application form itself, as well as in their personal narrative, that they wish to be considered for the Dorothy West Scholarship.
- 2) Your personal narrative should tell the story of a time when words have had meaning for you as a person of color (this replaces the standard Reflective Writing prompt of the YWW application).
- 3) The due date for applications is March 15.
- 4) The parents or guardians of Dorothy West applicants must complete the Financial Assistance Application.

The scholarship is competitive. In awarding it, we will take into account the applicant's personal narrative and their teacher's letter of recommendation. Although only one student will be awarded the full scholarship, we may, depending on the overall quality of the applications, also award a number of runner-up scholarships. These partial scholarships will vary in amount, depending upon the applicants' financial needs. Although they will quite likely be relatively modest, we are hopeful that they will help to remove some of the financial obstacles that might preclude capable students from attending the workshop.

If you have questions about the Dorothy West Scholarship or how to apply, please contact Anna Dolan or Emily Mlcak via e-mail: yww@simons-rock.edu