



# HUMANITIES TENNESSEE

*Our Stories. Our State.*

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Dear Friend,

**Twice each summer, Humanities Tennessee brings together a group of young people to pursue their love of writing at the Appalachian and Tennessee Young Writers' Workshops.** We treat these teenagers as budding writers with a serious interest in the craft, an approach that has paid off in myriad ways for seventeen years.

We know that you share our passion for ensuring that young people develop their reading and writing skills, explore their creativity, and expand their critical thinking abilities. *These are the core values of the humanities.* **We ask you to consider a contribution to Humanities Tennessee that will allow us to continue bringing these vital programs to Tennessee students.**

**What young writers receive through these one-week workshops stays with them forever.** There are former students who now work in publishing and who have published books of their own. And there are former students who have gone to college because living on a campus for this one week opened their minds to the possibility that they might just belong there.

There are young writers in this program whose family situations are huge barriers to their writing passion. Often, it is a teacher who sees the student's talent, who encourages them to apply, and who sometimes even drives them to the workshop and picks them up. It is one of the great strengths of these workshops that a student's background does not prevent attendance. **Thanks to people like you who believe that young people need and deserve to develop their potential, we are able to offer scholarships that make the workshops diverse.** This is a benefit to all of the students.

Every student in these workshops cares enough about writing to submit a writing sample, a teacher letter, and an application form. Every student in these workshops wants to spend a week of his or her summer in classrooms with other young writers and with teachers who take them seriously and guide them. Through intensive courses during the day, and creative programming with musicians, poets, and filmmakers at night, these students show their passion through their willingness to work. **We are amazed anew each year at their talent and their determination.**

*With your support,* we will continue to provide these programs to students from all backgrounds and all corners of the state. **Please consider a contribution this year to the Tennessee and Appalachian Young Writer's Workshops. Every gift matters.**

With sincere thanks,

Tim Henderson  
Executive Director

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Program Officer / Workshop Director

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