



Seven Valleys WRITING PROJECT

The National Writing Project at SUNY Cortland

2009 Summer Institute Application

July 6-31

In the Seven Valleys Writing Project's Summer Institute a select group of fifteen teacher-leaders comes together at the Main Street SUNY Cortland facility at 9 Main Street in Cortland for a four-week intensive professional experience during which they immerse themselves in writing, reading, and reflective teaching. Participants explore new strategies for enhancing learning through writing and work with the directors and visiting experts to become the new Teacher Consultants who will then go out into schools as *teachers teaching teachers*.

Teachers who participate in the Summer Institute receive six SUNY Cortland graduate credits at no charge. They become part of an energetic professional community of committed and supportive writers, teachers, and leaders from throughout Central New York. Simply put, they have the opportunity to join the faculty they have always dreamed of.

Our Summer Institute *Frequently Asked Questions* page has much more information about the Summer Institute. Please visit www.cortland.edu/svwp and click on the *Summer Institute* link.



After spending four weeks here, I'm a better writer. That says a lot. I have a lot more confidence as a writing teacher than I ever had before.

—Todd Howell, 2008 Summer Institute

Application instructions appear on the back of this card.



Applying for the Summer Institute

1. Applicant Information Page

Please include the following information in the order listed:

- Your name
- Date of birth
- Home address, phone(s), primary email
- School district
- School name, address (including county), and phone
- Names and contact information of your supervisor, principal, superintendent
- Grade level and subject(s) you teach
- Years of experience in teaching
- Highest level of education attained

2. Application Essay

Write a brief essay of 1000-1500 words explaining your interest in participating in the Summer Institute and describing what you bring to the project as a writer, leader, and teacher/administrator.

3. Supporting Letter

Submit a letter of support for your participation in the Summer Institute from a department chair, administrator, colleague, student, or other qualified writer.

4. Student Sample (optional)

You may include a sample of student writing with a brief explanation as to how it enhances your application.

Submit all of these materials by March 24, 2009 to:

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