

## Scholarships Available for Winter Poetry & Prose Getaway at Stockton Seaview in Galloway, NJ

Writers Should Apply by Nov. 15; Teachers May Also Have Special Access

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**Galloway, NJ** - Murphy Writing of Stockton University is pleased to announce that six scholarships are being offered for first-time participants of the Winter Poetry & Prose Getaway. This writers' conference will take place at the Stockton Seaview Hotel in Galloway, NJ from **Jan. 15-18, 2016**.

Scholarship recipients may choose from workshops in fiction, memoir, nonfiction, songwriting, screenwriting and poetry. Celebrating its 23rd Anniversary, the Winter Getaway has become one of the oldest and largest writers' conferences in the winter season, attracting more than 200 writers from across the country each year. Among the prestigious faculty members are Pulitzer Prize winner Stephen Dunn, who is Stockton's Distinguished Professor Emeritus of Creative Writing, and poet Thomas Lux, a professor at the Georgia Institute of Technology who runs Georgia Tech's "Poetry at Tech" program.

"We know that many writers do not have the finances to attend the Getaway," said conference founder Peter Murphy, "so we have established scholarships to help them attend. Over the last eight years, many of these scholarship recipients have gone on to have successful writing careers, publishing their work in both prominent literary journals and books of their own."

"I'm in awe of the community you've fostered here," said Helen Cooke of Haddon Heights, NJ, a past recipient of the Toni Brown Memorial Scholarship. "The Winter Getaway has kick-started my writing for the new year. I'm already looking forward to next year!"

The scholarships are funded by the Jan-ai Scholarship Fund, an Atlantic-City-based fund which commemorates the life and untimely death of young writer, poet and photographer Jennifer Cakert, the family and friends of the late Elke Hirsh of Ventnor, N.J., who taught piano for over 50 years, the Winter Getaway faculty and staff and Murphy Writing of Stockton University.

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Apply by **Sunday, Nov. 15, 2015** by visiting <http://wintergetaway.com/scholarships> for one of the following scholarships:

- The Toni Brown Memorial Scholarship, which offers two scholarships to poets or writers aged 31 and over;
- The Jan-ai Scholarship Fund, which sponsors two individuals between the ages of 18-30;
- The Elke Hirsh Music Award, new this year, will enable one songwriter between the ages of 21-30 to attend;
- The Screenwriting Scholarship, also new this year, will enable one screenwriter aged 18 or over to attend.

In addition to the scholarships listed, South Jersey teachers whose schools are part of Stockton's Educational Technology Training Center (ETTC) may be eligible to have their districts pay their tuition for the Winter Getaway. To learn more about using their school's ETTC credits to attend, teachers should visit <http://wintergetaway.com/registration/sri-etc>.

For general registration information, visit [stockton.edu/wintergetaway](http://stockton.edu/wintergetaway) or call 609-626-3594. Stockton Seaview Hotel and Golf Club is located at 401 S New York Road, Galloway, N.J.

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