



LLOYD SCHOLARS FOR WRITING AND THE ARTS

Where students share a community that grounds their U-M experience in creative expression

Lloyd Scholars for Writing and the Arts (LSWA) is a creative living-learning community in which students with diverse backgrounds, identities, and experiences are invited to “be creative, whatever your major.” Computer scientists and poets, digital animators and chemical engineers, sociologists and musicians—LSWA students build community together through a wide variety of writerly and artistic experiences.

Programming includes highly sought-after courses taught by expert writing faculty, a robust arts curriculum for non-art majors, student-led clubs, a literary and arts journal, poetry prizes, community-engagement opportunities, and outstanding visiting artists and writers.

LSWA students can explore all the university has to offer while cultivating a powerful sense of belonging on campus.

LSWA STRATEGIC FUND

The LSWA Strategic Fund provides opportunities for student engagement that go beyond the scope of the classroom and the residence hall. These funds allow LSWA to bring in exciting artists and writers or to take students further afield for travel-based experiential learning opportunities. Recently our strategic fund has supported student trips to Grand Rapids ArtPrize and the Detroit Institute of Arts and allowed us to take our full cohort to a screening at the Ann Arbor Film Festival and an international surrealist theater performance at the Power Center. Gifts of all sizes to this pooled fund make it possible for the program to respond to opportunities and offerings for LSWA students on campus and beyond.

“As both a poet and a BBA, it’s challenging to find space for creativity in my day-to-day life. Joining LSWA was the best decision I made in freshman year. LSWA’s programming and deeply inclusive community allows me to feed my creative side, grow as a leader, and make friends with people who share my values.”

—AILEEN, LSWA Creative Mentor and Business Major

LSWA FESTIFOOLS GIFT FUND

The FestiFools Gift Fund allows LSWA to support the design, creation, and implementation of the giant puppets and luminary sculptures used in the annual, beloved FestiFools and FoolMoon events. Funding supports hiring local artists and educators and purchasing supplies, tools, and materials for the community art making workshops that are held during the weeks and months leading up to the events. Event permits, street barriers, street cleaning, and other city code compliance expenses are also covered by generous donations. Gifts of all sizes help ensure that Festifools and Foolmoon continue to be highlight experiences for LSWA students and the community.

IMPACT

LSWA's mission is to cultivate students' critical reading, writing, arts, and thinking skills, and promote the link between creativity and academic excellence, in a multicultural environment. After finishing their first year in LSWA, anthropology major Adrian Valbuena found that viewing history through the lens of the arts helps them understand their coursework better. "In my class about craft, for example, connecting gender stereotypes in crafting to how a language is perceived by people who don't speak it . . . there is a shocking amount of overlap that you can find between things that, on the surface, seem like they have nothing to do with art."



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