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Applications Now Open for Ada Long Creative Writing Workshop

BIRMINGHAM, AL – The Ada Long Creative Writing Workshop is now accepting applications from rising high school freshmen, sophomores, juniors, and seniors. Only thirty students are selected every summer to work closely with nationally acclaimed novelists, essayists, and poets in small groups and one-on-one.

This year's workshop will take place June 1-19. For first consideration, applications are due April 1. Visit go.uab.edu/ada to apply.

The Ada Long Creative Writing Workshop provides inspiration, guidance, and support to help high school students express their ideas. They are encouraged to explore and find inspiration in Birmingham's rich culture and history through field trips, creative activities, and presentations. Students are able to explore different genres such as poetry, fiction, memoir, and magazine production. They draft, critique, and revise original works weekly, culminating in a published piece in *The Writer's Block*, the workshop's yearly anthology. Students can earn up to one hour of college credit.

Last year's students represented over 15 Alabama schools including the Alabama School of Fine Arts, Bessemer Academy, Clay Chalkville High School, Gadsden City School, Ramsay High School, and more. Field trips included the Cahaba River, the Golden Flake Factory, the AVEIA Galleries, the Holocaust Education Center, and doing improv at the Birmingham Improv Theatre.

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The Ada Long Creative Writing Workshop is sponsored by the UAB Department of English. It is named in honor of Dr. Ada Long, founding Director of the UAB Honors Program, Professor of English, and lifelong advocate for community outreach, the value of a liberal education, and the enduring significance of literature.