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## **Fifteen scholarships available to UNT's Mayborn Literary Nonfiction Conference**

DENTON (UNT), Texas – Are you a student with a passion for writing, or an educator who enjoys sharing the art of storytelling with your students? If so, then you may be eligible for a full scholarship to The 2009 Mayborn Literary Nonfiction Conference, sponsored by the University of North Texas.

The Mayborn Conference, now in its fifth year, has become one of the most renowned literary conferences in the country, drawing authors such as Bob Shacochis, Susan Orleans and Joyce Carol Oates. This year's conference, which will be held July 24-26 at the Hilton DFW Lakes Executive Conference Center in Grapevine will feature National Public Radio host Ira Glass and celebrated travel writer Paul Theroux.

Gay Talese, one of the creators of the literary style known as New Journalism, says that during his weekend at the Mayborn Conference he "came to know an extraordinary gathering of writers, journalists, educators, students and readers devoted to the art and craft of literary nonfiction, a subject that has been my passion and my mission for a half century."

"It was most gratifying for me to become affiliated with the conference, which sponsors and promotes the discussion and application of nonfiction only on the highest standards," said Talese.

The scholarships all include registration, meals and two nights of lodging. Five scholarships will be awarded in each of the following categories:

### **The Sid W. Richardson Foundation Scholarship**

The Sid W. Richardson Foundation Scholarship is open to educators who work in the Fort Worth Independent School District.

### **The Dallas Morning News Minority Student Scholarship**

The Dallas Morning News provides scholarships to minority high school and/or college students. Applicants must be enrolled in high school, community college or a university with a minimum of a 3.0 grade point average, and must attend the entire weekend of the Mayborn Conference.

"We're pleased to be able to offer this experience to promising students who have an interest in learning more about long form writing," said Bob Mong, editor of The Dallas Morning News.

### **The Mayborn Literary Nonfiction Conference Scholarship**

The Mayborn Literary Nonfiction Conference Scholarship is open to any student enrolled in a high school, community college or university, who has at least a 3.0 GPA.

**Interested applicants must submit:**

- A completed application
- Two reference letters (The Sid Richardson scholarship requires that one letter come from a supervisor)
- A letter of 250 words or less about why he or she wants to attend the conference
- A nonfiction writing sample, published or not, maximum of 1000 words.

All applications are due July 1. Winners will be notified via e-mail by July 3. The applications can be accessed at [www.themayborn.unt.edu/MaybornConferenece2009.htm](http://www.themayborn.unt.edu/MaybornConferenece2009.htm), and can be mailed to the Frank W. Mayborn Graduate School of Journalism, 1155 Union Circle #311460, Denton, TX 76203. Applications can also be faxed to 940-369-8959.

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