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The Gene and Etta Silverman Family Award 2026 Scholarship Application for Graduating Seniors

The Gene and Etta Silverman Family Award was established in memory of Gene, Etta, Candace, and Jamie Silverman, who died in a plane accident on July 17, 1996. Candace attended USC for four years and majored in Creative Writing. The recipient of the award must be a graduating senior who has majored in Creative Writing. Applicants must be eligible to graduate in the 2025–2026 academic year and have a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0. Preference will be given to a student who intends to pursue a career in writing or academia, wishing to supplement the undergraduate degree with travel and/or advanced study in a graduate program.

To apply, send the following information to the email listed below by **5 p.m. on Monday, April 6, 2026**.

Send application materials to:

scholarships@dornsife.usc.edu

Subject line: Silverman Family Award application

- This **application form**, printed and signed. You may scan the form via an app to create a pdf copy to send with the rest of your application, or you may take a photo of the form and email the photo along with the rest of your application.
- One **letter of recommendation** from a USC faculty member (faculty can send letter to the above email)
- A **resume** (include information regarding your academic achievements, involvement in campus and community organizations, work experience, and special talents and interests)
- A printout of your **USC Unofficial Transcript**, available via ExperienceUSC under My Academics / Academic Records OR Advise USC. Do NOT submit an official USC transcript, which requires a fee.
- A selection of **five poems**

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Local Address: _____

Permanent Address: _____

Local Phone Number: _____ Permanent Phone Number: _____

Email: _____

USC ID #: _____ Anticipated Graduation Date: _____

Declared Major(s): _____

All the information provided by me in my application is correct and I hereby give permission to the USC Dornsife Continuing Student Scholarship Committee to verify my academic and financial aid status.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

If you have questions, contact USC Dornsife Admission and Student Success at scholarships@dornsife.usc.edu.