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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.