C. G. Hanzlicek Poetry Writing Fellowship

The C. G. Hanzlicek Poetry Writing Fellowship in the amount of $1,000 is awarded each spring to a second-year poetry student in the Master of Fine Arts Program in Creative Writing. Recipients must be enrolled at California State University, Fresno during the award year. The fellow is nominated by the MFA poetry faculty; there is no application process.

C.G. Hanzlicek was born in Owatonna, Minnesota, in 1942. He is the author of nine books of poetry: Living in It, Stars (winner of the 1977 Devins Award for Poetry), Calling the Dead, A Dozen for Leah, When There Are No Secrets, Mahler: Poems and Etchings, Against Dreaming, The Cave: Selected and New Poems, and, most recently, The Lives of Birds. He has translated Native American Songs, A Bird’s Companion, and poems from the Czech, Mirroring: Selected Poems of Vladimir Holan, which won the Robert Payne Award from the Columbia University Translation Center in 1985. In the summer of 2001, he retired from California State University, Fresno, where he taught for 35 years and for most of those directed the Creative Writing Program. He supervised the program’s transition from M.A. to MFA in 1996, and he also served as the director of the Fresno Poets’ Association from 1994-2009.