

Alfred University alumnus awarded fellowship to study poetry at Stanford

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Colby Cotton

Alfred University alumnus Colby Cotton has been awarded a Wallace Stegner Fellowship to study poetry writing at Stanford University.

Cotton is a native of Canisteo, NY, and a graduate of Canisteo-Greenwood Central High School. He earned a bachelor's degree in English from Alfred University in 2015 and a Master of Fine Arts degree in writing from the University of North Carolina, Greensboro, in 2017.

The [Wallace Stegner Fellowship](#) is a prestigious honor, as only 10 fellowships (five in fiction; five in poetry) are awarded each year. It is named in honor of the late Wallace Stegner, a former Pulitzer Prize-winning writer who taught at Stanford and founded the creative writing program there. Since the program's inception in 1946, more than 600 writers have come to Stanford as [Stegner Fellows](#). Among them are National Book Award and Pulitzer Prize winners, National Medal of the Arts honorees, and U.S. Poet Laureates.

Cotton, who begins his two-year fellowship at Stanford in the fall, is an accomplished writer of poetry. While at UNC, Greensboro, he held the Fred Chappell Fellowship in poetry, and he is a past recipient of the Tennessee Williams Scholarship from the Sewanee Writers' Conference. His work has appeared or is forthcoming in *The Missouri Review*, *The Cincinnati Review*, *Ninth Letter*, *The Journal*, *Sycamore Review*, and *Washington Square Review*, among others.

To learn more about Colby Cotton, or to read some of his poetry, visit his [website](#).