

# Application Checklist

**1: to the Graduate College:**

(a) an electronic application, completed online, found at the Graduate College's application link;

(b) official transcripts from each college or university attended, sent directly from the institutions;

and (c) a \$40.00 nonrefundable application fee (check or money order, payable to Texas State University, in US currency).

**2: to the Director of the MFA program in the Department of English:**

(a) a single PDF file saved with the applicant's last name and genre (e.g. Smith, poetry) of a creative portfolio in either fiction or poetry (2 or 3 short stories or up to 30 pages of a novel for fiction, 12 to 15 poems for poetry, or one story or brief novel excerpt and a creative nonfiction essay) sent as an e-mail attachment to [mfaportfolio@txstate.edu](mailto:mfaportfolio@txstate.edu) with applicant's last name and genre as subject header.

**3: Those applying for a graduate assistantship must also submit the following to the Director of the MFA program in the Department of English:**

(a) a completed application form for a graduate assistantship, available at the MFA program website;

and (b) a statement of purpose (maximum of 500 words) about the applicant's potential for and *interest in teaching college first-year composition*.