



**Detroit Working Writers**  
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## **Detroit Working Writers Established Writer Membership Application Guidelines**

Detroit Working Writers (DWW) is a participatory professional writers' organization founded on June 5, 1900, whose members produce original works in all genres of creative writing. DWW's purpose is to encourage creative writing of the highest professional standard. Anyone whose work meets the standards for writing established by this organization is eligible to become a member. Professional excellence (in the case of established writers) or the promise of professional excellence (in the case of emerging writers) in writing is the sole basis for judging eligibility for membership. There is no consideration of age, race, creed, religion or faith, national origin, sex or gender identity.

Only applicants with impartially published work and single authorship or bylines in at least one of the following areas are considered for the established writer membership category.

1. A published fiction or nonfiction book that was competitively selected.
2. Publication credits with bylines in newspapers, periodicals and/or the literary/scholarly press.
3. Scripts for film or television that have been produced, or plays read or produced over a period of several years.
4. Several poems or a book of poetry published by a recognized press.

Established writer members can:

- Attend all workshops, programs and meetings.
- Vote and hold office.
- Enjoy other rights and privileges listed in the DWW Bylaws or decided upon by a vote of the Board of Directors.

**You are invited to apply either by traditional mail or electronically. Please submit:**

1. A letter of application that includes your address, telephone number and email address and why you wish to join DWW.
2. A resume listing your writing achievements.
3. A completed DWW Volunteer Opportunities form (see attached).
4. No more than 10 pages of published material (if you are applying by traditional mail, include copies or tearsheets only, no books; if applying electronically, include .pdf files or links to published material available for review on the Internet). We prefer to see the range of your work instead of one sample. Book authors should include photocopies (or .pdf files) of the title and copyright pages of their book. Provide a self-addressed, stamped envelope with sufficient postage with your mailed application if you want your materials returned.
5. A non-refundable \$20 application fee, payable through PayPal at [www.detworkingwriters.org](http://www.detworkingwriters.org), or by check made out to "Detroit Working Writers" and mailed to the address below. Upon acceptance, you will need to submit a second payment to cover annual dues (\$50 or \$25 for half-year) to activate your membership.

If a DWW member has offered to write a letter of sponsorship for you, please include the letter as part of your application.

Upon receipt, the Membership Committee will review your application as quickly as possible. The Membership Chair will notify you of the decision in a letter sent via U.S. mail. Thank you for your interest in joining Detroit Working Writers.

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## **Detroit Working Writers Volunteer Opportunities**

Detroit Working Writers is a participatory organization supported entirely by volunteers. The more members contribute their talents, the more vital the organization becomes in what we can offer to members and the community. Please indicate which of the areas listed below would most appeal to you and make best use of your skills as a volunteer.

- Press relations
- DWW Writers' Conference
- Liaison with Metro Detroit area writing groups, libraries, arts agencies and other writing-related organizations (the Metro Detroit Book & Author Society)
- Member retreats and/or workshops
- Critique groups
- Public "Meet and Greet" activities
- Social media
- Maintenance of membership lists (current, Lifetime)
- Mentoring
- Liaison with schools (K-12, colleges/universities, writing programs)
- Other (please list)