



Detroit Working Writers
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Detroit Working Writers Student 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 or the promise of professional excellence 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.

Student writer membership is available to applicants enrolled in high school or college on a full-time basis and ceases once the student is no longer enrolled full-time in high school or college. Student members are obligated to, upon request, provide proof of their enrollment status.

Student writer members can:

- Attend all workshops, programs, general and annual membership meetings.
- Serve on committees.
- May not vote, serve as an Officer or Board Member, or chair a committee, but are encouraged to participate in meetings and submit ideas and suggestions.

Prospective student writer members 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 completed DWW Volunteer Opportunities form (see attached)
3. A selection of poetry, fiction, creative non-fiction, journalism, and/or scriptwriting from your school assignments, a competition, or a published work (no more than 10 pages total). Please provide .pdf files and/or links to work available for review on the Internet if applying electronically. We prefer to see the range of your work instead of one sample. Provide a self-addressed, stamped envelope with sufficient postage with your mailed application if you want your materials returned.
3. A non-refundable \$20 application fee, payable through PayPal at www.detworkingwriters.org, or by a 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 (\$15) 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)