Detroit Working Writers Membership Application

Please print legibly and in block letters. Complete and send to DWW with the applicable samples and your application fee. **Your application package must comply with the guidelines on page 2, or it will not be considered.**

Name _____Date_____

Address _____

Phone _____ E-mail_____

Age Group: ☐ Adult under 60 ☐ Adult 60 or older ☐ High School/College Student

Genres: _____

Membership Status: ☐ Established ☐ Emerging ☐ Student

Non-refundable Application Fee: ☐ $20 paid via PayPal link on "Join DWW" webpage OR ☐ $20 check enclosed

Required Documents: Your application must include 5 paper copies of writing samples. We do not accept website links or personal blog entries, pornography or erotica for application purposes. Applications and samples that do not adhere to the guidelines will not be considered or returned.

Sample 1 Title: _____

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DWW is a participatory, professional organization of writers, founded on June 5, 1900. Our members produce original works across multiple genres. Professional excellence, in the case of Established Writer status, or the promise of professional excellence, in the case of Emerging and Student Writer status, is the sole basis for judging eligibility for membership.

DWW Membership Guidelines

DWW offers three membership levels:

Established Writer Member	**Emerging Writer Member**	**Student Writer Member**
Established Writers are those with traditional publishing credits as detailed below.	Emerging Writers are those with unpublished work, self-published work, or those whose traditional publishing credits have not reached the level required for Established Writer guidelines.	Student Writers are high school or college students enrolled on a full-time basis. Proof of enrollment is required, and this status becomes void at the time of graduation.
Established Writers may: • Attend workshops, programs, and meetings. • Facilitate workshops and programs. • Participate in and chair committees. • Vote on issues reserved for membership determination under DWW's Constitution and By-Laws.	Emerging Writers may: • Attend workshops, programs, and meetings. • Participate in committees. Emerging writers may not vote or hold office.	Student Writers may: • Attend workshops, programs, and meetings. • Participate in committees. Student writers may not vote or hold office.

Those applying for membership as an Established Writer must submit five samples of impartially published work with single authorship or bylines in any or several of the following forms of publication: newspapers; professional newsletters; periodicals; literary or scholarly press; fiction or nonfiction books; poetry; and scripts for plays, film or television. Works published exclusively online also may be considered on a case-by-case basis only if they've been competitively selected. In addition, any writing samples produced for class or course credit at any level will be considered only for Student Writer applications, unless those samples also were impartially published with single authorship or bylines. **We need to see proof of the publisher and date of publication.** For items published in a book, we need a copy of the copyright page and table of contents as well as up to two pages of your written content. For clips from newspapers and magazines, we need a copy of the actual clip, and list the publisher and date of publication. For online articles, please print out a copy of the actual article along with information about the online publisher and date of publication. For plays, we need a playbill.

Those applying for membership as Emerging Writers must submit at least one sample of impartially published work. They should ensure that the samples they submit have been carefully proofread and edited according to the guidelines found in either The Associated Press Stylebook or the Chicago Manual of Style. Please submit only samples with single authorship or bylines. We will consider business writing only if the samples were intended and published for general employee readership.

YOUR APPLICATION PACKAGE MUST INCLUDE:

1. Your completed application form.
2. Five writing samples. We do not accept pornography or erotica for application purposes. For those applying for membership as **Established Writer**: All five samples must be impartially published material according to the guidelines stated above. Include no more than a total of 20 pages for samples, of which up to ten pages will feature your written content. For those applying for membership as **Emerging Writer**: At least one of your five writing samples must have been impartially published according to the guidelines stated above for Established Writers. Please ensure that your samples are carefully proofread and edited. Include no more than a total of 20 pages for samples, of which up to ten pages will feature your written content.
3. Mandatory letter of recommendation from a teacher or professor for **Student Writer** applicants.
4. Optional letter of recommendation for Emerging or Established Writer applicants. If a DWW member has recommended you for membership, please have him or her write a letter of recommendation and include it in your packet.

Complete the first page of this form and mail to: New Membership Committee, Detroit Working Writers, PO BOX 82395, Rochester, MI 48308, along with your samples and non-refundable application fee (unless paying via PayPal; click the payment link on http://www.detworkingwriters.org/join-dww to pay the non-refundable $20.00 application fee online). The New Membership Chair will notify you upon receipt of your application, and upon the Board of Directors decision.