

DETROIT WORKING WRITERS
SINCE JUNE 5, 1900
Membership Application accepted January 15-March 15

Please read Guidelines on page 2 and directions on this form before you begin. Applications and samples that do not adhere to the guidelines will not be considered or returned. Please print legibly in BLOCK LETTERS. Complete and mail to: DWW New Membership Committee, PO Box 323, Leonard, MI 48366

Consistent professional excellence, in the case of Established Writer status, and the evidence of emerging professional excellence, in the case of Emerging and Student Writer status, is the sole basis for judging eligibility for membership.

Name _____ Date _____

Address _____

Phone _____ Email _____

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

Published Genres only: _____

Membership Status: Established Emerging Student

Non-refundable Application Fee: \$30 paid via PayPal link on DWW webpage, "To Apply"
OR \$25 check payable to DWW enclosed with application

Required Documents: Your application must include legible paper copies of 5 separate writing samples per guidelines on page 2. We do not accept website links or personal blog entries, pornography or erotica for application purposes.

Sample 1 Title: _____

Sample 2 Title: _____

Sample 3 Title: _____

Sample 4 Title: _____

Sample 5 Title: _____

DWW is a participatory organization of published writers. Please let us know where you can volunteer: programs, conference, critique groups, webpage, etc.

NEW MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION GUIDELINES

Membership levels

ESTABLISHED WRITERS must submit 5 impartially (traditionally) published works. If accepted, they may:

- Attend workshops, programs, and open board meetings
- Facilitate workshops and programs
- Participate in and chair committees
- Vote on proposals reserved for membership determined in DWW's Constitution and By-Laws

EMERGING WRITERS must submit 3 impartially (traditionally) published works. If accepted, they may:

- Attend workshops, programs, and open Board meetings
- Participate in committees

They may not vote, chair a committee, or hold office.

STUDENT WRITERS, high school or college students enrolled on a full-time basis, must provide proof of enrollment. This status becomes void upon graduation. If accepted they may:

- Attend workshops, programs, and open Board meetings
- Participate in committees

They may not vote, chair a committee, or hold office.

Guidelines for Established Writer: Submit legible paper copies of 5 separate samples of impartially published works with single authorship or bylines in any or several of the following publication forms: newspapers; professional newsletters; periodicals; literary or scholarly press; fiction or non-fiction books; poetry; and scripts for plays, film, or television. Works published exclusively online also may be considered on a case-by-case basis **if they've been competitively selected. We need to see proof of the publisher and date of publication.** For samples published in a book, we need a copy of the copyright page and table of contents and up to two pages of your written content. For clips from newspapers and magazines, we need a copy of the actual clip with publisher credit and date of publication. For online articles, please print a copy of the article with information about the online publisher and date of publication. For plays, we need the playbill.

Guidelines for Emerging Writer: Submit copies of three separate impartially published works, and samples of two unpublished works. Samples must be carefully proofread and edited according to guidelines found in either The Associated Press Stylebook or the Chicago Manual of Style. We accept samples with single authorship and bylines only. We consider business writing only if the samples were published for general employee readership.

YOUR APPLICATION PACKAGE MUST INCLUDE:

1. Your completed application form with check for application fee or PayPal noted.
2. Copies of your five separate 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 **Emerging Writer:** at least three of your five samples must have been impartially published according to the guidelines stated above for Established Writer. Submit only carefully proofread and edited samples. Include no more than a total of 20 pages for samples, of which up to ten pages will feature your written content.
Note: Emerging and Established Writer applicants **may** include a letter of recommendation from a DWW member.
3. Copies of five separate writing samples and proof of enrollment for **Student Writer** applicants with **mandatory** letter of recommendation from a teacher or professor.

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