



## **Application for Membership cont.**

Applicants must be proposed and seconded by two people who have personal knowledge of their work. These can be members of SWWJ, editors, publishers, agents or other bona fide writing professionals.

I wish to sponsor the application of:

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for membership of the SWWJ.

I have personal knowledge of his/her work and consider him/her to be a writer of professional ability and experience, and suitable to become a Full/Associate member.

Proposer - Name .....

Signature .....

Status *(please tick)* SWWJ member  editor  publisher  agent  other

Address .....

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Seconded - Name .....

Signature .....

Status *(please tick)*: SWWJ member  editor  publisher  agent  other

Please send to:

The SWWJ Membership Secretary,  
c/o Room 2,  
Aileen McHugo Building,  
Westmore Green,  
Tatsfield,  
Westerham, TN16 2AG.

or email to [membership@swwj.co.uk](mailto:membership@swwj.co.uk)

Please enclose an SAE if submitting by post. Thank you.

### ***The Society's Aims***

The Society aims to encourage literary achievement, to uphold professional standards, to promote social contact with fellow writers and to defend the dignity and prestige of the writing profession in all its aspects.

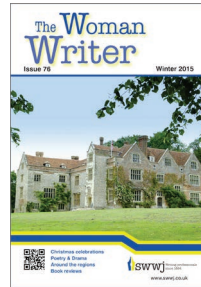
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Further information on our website: [www.swwj.co.uk](http://www.swwj.co.uk)

## Benefits of Membership

**The Woman Writer:** published four times per year, "The Woman Writer" is the Society's in-house magazine. Contents include members' news, articles of interest, genre-specific pages, reviews, market and competition information.



**Website:** carrying latest news, personal pages, speakers lists and many other links. [www.swwj.co.uk](http://www.swwj.co.uk)

**Email Newsletter:** to provide timely information between issues of the printed magazine, the SEN – the Society email newsletter – is published four times a year.

**Email Information Loop:** a facility providing up-to-date market and other information.

**Facebook and Twitter Pages:** for keeping in touch and publicising work.

**Press Card:** for Full/Associate Members, giving useful access for bona fide copy and research at exhibitions, conferences and events etc. across the country.



**Workshops:** in different genres including journalism, fiction, novels, non-fiction, poetry and drama.

**Regional Groups:** these hold their own local meetings, often with guest speakers.

**Events:** our Summer, Autumn, and Christmas gatherings take place in London; they feature guest speakers, prize presentations and networking opportunities.



**In-house Competitions:** in all genres with cash and trophy prizes.

**Manuscript Appraisal Service:** advice is available from specialists across all genres.

**Assisted Publishing: SCRIPTORA** is the Society's own assisted-publishing imprint. Manuscripts submitted for publication are subject to a rigorous selection process.

**Welfare:** the Society has a benevolent fund offering support to members in times of sickness or special need.

### Categories of membership:

- 1. Full Member:** a woman writer who is a bona fide professional worker in literature and/or journalism - membership fee U.K. £55 - overseas membership fee £45 (sterling).
- 2. Associate Member:** a male writer who is a bona fide professional worker in literature and/or journalism. He may participate in all Society activities, but is not eligible to stand for Council - membership fee U.K. £50 - overseas membership fee £40 (sterling).
- 3. Friend:** supporters of the Society and its aims. Friends include writers who do not yet meet the requirements for Full/Associate membership, as well as others engaged in allied forms of work, e.g. editors, publishers, agents, theatre directors, illustrators, photographers, librarians - fee £30.

There is a Joining Fee of £15 for all new members, apart from Friends.



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(Please TYPE or use BLOCK CAPITALS throughout)

Title & Name in full.....

Address .....

Tel ..... Email address .....

Social media (twitter, facebook, etc.) .....

Pseudonyms (if applicable) .....

Where did you hear about the SWWJ?.....

I wish to apply for membership of the SWWJ: *(please tick)*

Full ..... Associate (male writers only)..... Friend .....

FRIENDS need only fill in the details above.

FULL & ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP applicants must be sponsored (see overleaf) and are, under the following headings as applicable, required to give particulars of journalistic & literary work (please list on a SEPARATE SHEET OF PAPER AND ATTACH):

Books (Fiction and/or Non-fiction), Poetry Pamphlets, Plays (give all titles, publishers, publication or production dates).

Stories, Articles, Poetry (give names of periodicals and dates of publication);

Television, Film, Video and Radio Scripts (give brief particulars).

Staff member (name of newspaper or magazines and position on staff);

If the bulk of your work is self-published or published digitally, whether in ebook format or as online articles, please supply as much detail as possible (publisher, payment received etc.), in order to enable us to assess your eligibility for Full or Associate membership. If you can demonstrate the number of sales of self-published titles, this will be very helpful.

NOTE: Do not send money with this application. Acceptance will be determined by a majority vote of the Council whose decision is final.