

Application for Membership
TEXAS OUTDOOR WRITERS ASSOCIATION

Purpose of the association: (a) To promote quality writing, reporting, broadcasting, telecasting, photography, illustration, painting, lecturing and/or teaching, including but not limited to, hunting, fishing, camping, boating, birding, conservation and ecology; (b) To promote ethical behavior in the foregoing categories and activities; (c) To promote fellowship and good will among the members of the outdoor media; (d) To promote interchange of information and techniques with allied organizations; (e) To promote individualism among members (the association as a whole is prohibited from endorsing any particular stand); (f) To promote good will among all political parties of the state without the association taking part in any political campaign on or in behalf of any candidate or political party at any level of government.

I here by make application for membership in the **TEXAS OUTDOOR WRITERS ASSOCIATION**, a non-profit organization of professionals who communicates the outdoor experience through various media, businesses or as individuals who hold a vital interest in outdoor sports.

I am applying for membership in the following category:

() **ACTIVE MEMBER** (\$75 per year) This category requires the individual making application to be a producing outdoor communicator whose primary duties are communication about the outdoors in written! spoken!visual presentations (tourism *not* included) with a minimum of requirements as listed on the following page. Only active members have voting and office holding privileges.

() **ASSOCIATE MEMBER** (\$100 per year) This category is for any communicator who satisfies at least 50 percent of the requirements for active membership if he!she has a direct professional interest in outdoor communications and the potential for becoming an active member with a three-year period from the date in which associate membership is granted.

() **STUDENT MEMBER** (\$20 per year) This category is for any student in high school or college who now, or in the future, will pursue an education in journalism, wildlife, natural resource management, fisheries or any related activity that could lead to a future active membership in the association.

Please fill out the following in its entirety and return with your dues check for the category marked above.

All member applications should also attach clips of published work or letters from station managers as proof of qualifications.

Name _____

Mailing Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Name of pu bl ication!station!company _____

Your birth date ____! ____! ____ First name of spouse _____

Phone nos. (office) ____! ____ (fax) ____! ____ (home) ____!

(e-mail) _____ (other, mobile, etc.) ____! _____

Brief description of your communications activity!skills and!or of company you are representing.

Also, state your official position: _____

Sponsored by (name of TOWA active member)

***Return this application, credentials form, samples of work or letter from station manager and TOWA dues check to: TOWA, Larry J LeBlanc, 900 W. Montgomery, Ste. 4 - 363, Willis, TX 77378
Phone (936) 445-9348.***

TO WA CREDENTIALS FORM

To be eligible for **active** status, an applicant must be duly paid to produce, disseminate or edit information on outdoor subjects regularly to the public via newspapers, radio, television, broadcasting, magazines, books, journals, lectures, photography (still or movie), art or other suitable media. In determining eligibility for active membership, the applicant screen committee and the board of directors shall be guided broadly, but not inflexibly bound by the following criteria:

INSTRUCTIONS

- > Circle the category (categories) listed below under which you qualify for membership. Some members may qualify through a combination of categories.
- > Sign this form, certifying that you are paid for your work and that you have received the pay for the credits claimed.
- > Return the form and required proof in the category you circled to the addressee mentioned on the previous page.
- > Enclose a short cover letter explaining your outdoor communications activities. Tell us how you qualify for membership, and whether you believe it if for "active" or "associate" status.

CREDITS MUST BE IN THE PAST 12 MONTHS

- A. Newspaper editor, writer, columnist, feature writer. 36 published pieces. Required Proof: Submit a minimum of six samples, tearsheets or photocopies. Label with date and name and address of publication, as well supervisor to contact.
- B. Cartoonist, illustrator or artist. 12 paid published images of an outdoor nature. Required Proof: submit a minimum of six samples, tearsheets or photocopies. Label with date and name and address of publication, as well as supervisor to contact.
- C. Radio/Television. You must either be the host, writer and/or producer. A minimum of 13 30-minute format shows. Required Proof: Submit six samples. Label with date and name and address of station, as well as supervisor to contact or certified run sheet.
- D. Photography. (Still) 48 published and paid photographs. Required proof: Submit six samples, tearsheets or photocopies. Label with date and name and address of publication, as well as supervisor to contact.
- E. Magazine writer. (Freelance) Ten published pieces in publications one million or under or six published pieces in publications over one million. Required Proof: Three samples, tearsheets or photocopies. Label with date and name and address of publication, as well as supervisor to contact.
- F. Magazine Writer. (Editorial) Full-time employee of a recognized magazine with masthead credit. Must be in the outdoor field. Required Proof: Submit a copy of the magazine showing magazine credit, as well as the name and address of a supervisor to contact at the publication.
- G. Full-time Information Employee. Employee of a state, federal or non-profit agency engaged in matters of the outdoors whose primary duties are communicating about the outdoors. Required Proof: Submit proof consistent with other categories.
- H. Internet. Twenty-four internet articles of 500 words per year, 36 web photos per year or full-time paid staff of internet site. Must be in the outdoor field. Required Proof: Submit information on site work appeared on along with proof of compensation.

Signature _____ **Date**