

Tampa Writers Alliance Membership Application

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What are your current writing interests?

GENRE(s) _____

- FORM(s) Short Story Novella Novel
 Non-Fiction Book Article Poetry
 Stage Play Screen Play
 Other _____

Welcome to the

TAMPA WRITERS ALLIANCE

We are a group of writers of all genres and levels who strive to improve our skills and maintain our momentum by helping each other, offering encouragement, insight, and suggestions. You are invited to join us at our monthly general meetings to meet other writers who, like you, are interested in creating better writing, developing a peer network, and learning from professionals speaking about their work and careers. Meetings are open free to the public.

To join TWA and receive full membership benefits, fill out the application above and mail it with your check for \$25 (payable to Tampa Writers Alliance) to:

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www.tampawriters.org

"Advice to young writers who want to get ahead without any annoying delays: don't write about Man, write about a man."

—E. B. White



Tampa Writers Alliance

We are adult writers
of all genres and levels
who strive to improve our skills
and maintain our momentum
by helping each other through...

- ◆ General Meetings with Speakers
- ◆ Critique Group
- ◆ Novel Pods
- ◆ Poetry Workshop
- ◆ Conversation Dinners
- ◆ Newsletter & Website
- ◆ Annual Writing Contest
- ◆ Annual Anthology
- ◆ USF Conference Discounts
- ◆ Community Service

Who are we?

We are an organization of about 100 writers—amateur and professional, beginning and advanced, aspiring and published—who share a keen interest in writing. Our members write fiction, non-fiction, and poetry, as well as stage and screenplays. Membership in TWA is open to all interested adults.

Founded in the mid-1980's, TWA is a non-profit organization whose officers are elected bi-annually by the membership. Officers, workshop directors, and committee members are all volunteers.

TWA's \$25 annual membership dues cover our contest prizes, newsletter, website, publicity, annual anthology, and participation in selected cultural events and contests.

What are our activities?

Our monthly general meetings are open to the public, while other scheduled events are open to TWA members.

GENERAL MEETINGS are held on the first Wednesday of each month from 7 to 9 p.m. at the John F. Germany Main Library, 900 N. Ashley Dr., Tampa, adjacent to the Tampa Bay Performing Arts Center. Library parking is available in the Ashley Dr. parking structure at a nominal fee. At most general meetings, we welcome speakers on topics of interest to writers. Recently we have hosted, among others, a best-selling mystery novelist, an historian, a travel writer, a children's book writer, a trade book publisher, a poet-performer, a literary magazine publisher, and a homicide detective.

Our **CRITIQUE WORKSHOP** is held on the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month at 7 p.m. at Barnes & Noble North, 11802 Dale Mabry Hwy. N., Tampa. All forms and genres are welcomed and given friendly, constructive criticism.

Our **POETRY WORKSHOP** meets on the last Thursday of the month at 7 p.m. at Barnes & Noble

North, 11802 Dale Mabry Hwy. N., Tampa. This group critiques poems submitted by participants, examines poetry techniques, and shares the works of favorite poets.

NOVEL PODS are another way we help writers get the best out of their work. Two or more members who are working on a novel or novella meet to exchange manuscripts for in-depth critical review. Currently several TWA novel pods meet in various parts of Tampa Bay.

THE GATHERING AND MEMBER PARTIES are "get acquainted" events for TWA members. The Gathering is held occasionally over refreshments in a member's home or over dinner at a local restaurant. "New Member Parties" are held each spring and fall. Exchanges at TWA activities can lead to manuscript swaps for critiquing, sharing research and techniques, or exchanging story leads and market tips.

What are the other benefits of membership?

All members receive TWA's monthly newsletter, **WRITE CONNECTIONS**, providing information about group events, speakers, contests, seminars, and other activities of interest to Tampa Bay writers. *Write Connections* is published both via email and in print.

TWA's **WEBSITE** keeps members up to date and reaches out to the community and the writing world. Recent TWA newsletters are archived online for reference. Visit our website at www.tampawriters.org.

TWA's annual **WRITING CONTEST** is judged by writing professionals from the Tampa Bay area. Members may submit work in most categories without charge; non-members must pay entry fees. Categories include novels, science fiction, fiction, poetry, non-fiction, and script/play-writing. The Dr. Ed Hirshberg Award for Excellence in Florida

Writing honors one of our area's best-loved writing teachers, who passed away in 2002. Winners receive cash prizes in most categories and publication in our annual anthology, *Wordsmith*.

At TWA's **ANNUAL BANQUET**, held each January, writing contest winners are announced, and first-place winners are invited to read their prize entries.

WORDSMITH, TWA's annual anthology, publishes selected contest entries. Each TWA member and each contest winner receives one free copy of *Wordsmith*; additional copies are available for sale.

TWA offers occasional **SPECIAL WORKSHOPS** on such topics as magazine article writing, conducted by TWA members with professional expertise in the area under study.

SPECIAL DISCOUNTS are available to TWA members to attend the **FLORIDA SUNCOAST WRITERS CONFERENCE** held each February at the University of South Florida in St. Petersburg.

COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION is another aspect of TWA. Members encourage young writers by judging the Hillborough County Teachers of English writing contest and by speaking at local schools.

BOOK SALES AT FESTIVAL OF READING.

TWA invites members who are book authors to sell their books at the TWA table at the annual St. Petersburg Times Festival of Reading.

Where can you learn more?

Visit our website at www.tampawriters.org or contact

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