

MAC Author Membership Guidelines

To be considered for membership as an author please submit: a completed Membership Application, a check for membership fee, and priced examples of your published work(s) you would like to submit for jurying.

Jurying of your submitted published work(s) will be based on:

Publication(s): One or more works published by a conventional publisher or self-published with ISBN number in any literary genre: fiction, nonfiction, poetry, young adult and children's books, essay collections, etc.

Artistic Merit: Variations of the following criteria will apply to each genre:

- Evidence of a consciousness of literary craft: the work delivers its message in an artful way. The work demonstrates a clear sense of purpose or intention for the narrative or theme; the work achieves what it set out to do. The narrative or poem achieves its purpose without being didactic, preachy or overwritten.
- Coherent structure relevant to the purpose of the work.
- There is a clear, consistent voice.
- The work demonstrates imagination and originality.
- Artful use of detail and/or literary devices and techniques.

Presentation and technical production of the Work:

- Quality of the text: The publication has been edited for literary quality as well as grammatical and typographical errors.
- Layout and cover should be visually appealing and professionally presented (font, cover art, back, quality of paper or artwork in the text).
- Research and works quoted or paraphrased from outside sources must be properly cited within the text and in a bibliography. Quoted poems, songs, or artwork used with permission.

If accepted, you agree to contribute a reading or workshop/educational outreach program annually for the benefit of the MAC Center, and to 20% commission on the sales of books. You will be asked to submit a short artist's statement for our website and for display with your work. The size of your display area will be determined by available space. All work for sale must be priced and logged in the Inventory book.

Any subsequent works submitted must be reviewed and evaluated by the Authors' Jury/Committee prior to being put out for sale.