

Application for Membership

Individuals or organizations interested in obtaining membership to IFWTWA shall apply through application to IFWTWA in a manner to be determined by the Board of Directors. Each application shall be accompanied by a copy of IFWTWA's Code of Professional Conduct signed by the applicant, payment of the initiation fee, and first year's membership dues in effect at the time of the proposed member's application. All Memberships must be renewed on an annual basis.

Qualifications for Membership

Membership in IFWTWA shall be determined in the sole discretion by the Board of Directors upon submission of an application to the IFWTWA on the basis as described below:

Regular Members.

A Regular Member must be an individual over the age of eighteen (18) who is proficient in writing in the English language and demonstrating discerning interest and broad experience in the food, wine and travel industries. Prior to obtaining membership to IFWTWA as a Regular Member, an individual must demonstrate that he/she has been photographing, publishing, editing, blogging or writing in the food, wine, and/or hospitality industries for at least two years, with a minimum of four articles per year.

Applicants must provide links to articles, visual media, broadcasts or books to verify qualification as a Regular Member. IFWTWA accepts the following criteria as acceptable bodies of work to verify qualification:

1. (a) Writers/editors: Four (4) links to the most recent articles for each of the past two (2) years with the most recent year focused on food, wine and/or travel, including but not limited to, digital magazine articles and digital clips from printed media websites.
2. (b) Photographers, filmmakers and broadcasters: Four (4) links (in any combination of medium) per year for each of the past two (2) years that verify paid work through the sale of photographs and/or working on film and/or broadcast projects. The most recent year must focus on food, wine and/or travel.
3. (c) Book authors: submit title of book, link, and ISBN number. Most recent book to be focused on food, wine and/or travel while a second book submission within two (2) years prior to application may be on other topics. One (1) book submission fulfills the requirement for one (1) year of clips as defined under "Writers/editors."
4. (d) Bloggers: (1) A blog must be at least two years old with a minimum of two posts per month authored by the applicant – minimum word count of 500 per post; or (2) The blog is one year old and the applicant includes an additional 4 links to a combination of published articles (not guest blog posts), visual media, broadcasts or books provided to fulfill the basic two-year requirement. A minimum of one posting per month over the previous 12 months should be on food, wine and/or travel topics. Maintain a consistent schedule of postings authored by the applicant at least twice per month. Bloggers are subject to the same writing standards as regular members as established by the IFWTWA's Food Wine Travel Magazine.

Student Members.

A Student Members must be an individual over the age eighteen (18) enrolled to study journalism, hotel and/or hospitality management, communications, culinary sciences and/or enology, writing and/or broadcasting at an accredited college or university.

Applicants must provide proof of enrollment to verify qualification as a Student Member. IFWTWA accepts the following criteria as acceptable proof to verify qualification:

1. (a) A copy of valid student identification at an accredited college or university; or
2. (b) Documentation from an accredited college or university certifying enrollment in a qualifying program.

Associate Members.

An Associate Member must be an individual over the age of twenty-one (21) employed in the food, wine or travel industries, or an organization operating in the food, wine or travel industries. If the applicant is a qualifying organization, it must provide at least one individual who shall be listed as the organization's contact person who may interact with IFWTWA on behalf of the applicant. Any change in contact person must be approved in writing by IFWTWA.