

# Membership Eligibility

## Eligibility For Active Membership In NYSOWA

Any New York residents\* meeting NYSOWA's minimum professional criteria who receive compensation for the preparation and publication, by means of newspapers, magazines, lectures, photography, books, radio, television, editing, or other accepted media formats, may become a member of the association. Acceptance for Active and Associate membership shall be predicated upon an applicant's conformity with the stated minimum criteria during the 12-month period that precedes the date of submission of an application.

Active membership is based on full compliance with the following categories or, if requested, a combination thereof. The membership screening committee will review an applicant's proof of activity(s) to ensure consistency with the minimum continuous one-year requirement. To be eligible for Associate Membership, candidates must meet 50% of the Active requirements. Final judgments and recommendations will be determined by the Screening Committee.

### **Newspaper Writer**

12 published articles per year

### **Magazine Writer**

2 published articles per year National distribution

4 published articles per year Regional distribution

### **Lecturer**

6 paid presentations per year

### **Photographer/ Illustrator/ Artist**

8 published stills and/or prints or separate sales per year

1 film/video (20 minute sound) or equivalent per year

### **Book Author**

1 published book per 3 years

**☐☐Radio or TV Broadcaster**

4 thirty-minute shows per year

8 shows under 15 minutes per year or equivalent

**☐☐Magazine/ Newspaper Editor**

4 publications per year

**Public Relations**

Must be a full time occupation or, be supplemented with a full time occupation in the arena of hunting, fishing, environmental conservation, or allied subjects, and publish 6 News Releases on outdoor topics per year.

**Electronic Publishing**

Minimum 8 published out door columns or articles in the preceding 12 month period and in no less than 4 separate editions of electronic publication(s). For the purpose of combining categories for membership application, each original column or article shall count as 2 points. Regarding Web sites: the applicant must be paid by the Web master and/or electronic publications, an offer proof of payment for each item submitted for consideration requiring application for membership.

Candidates seeking membership must submit a completed application form including the prescribed documentation for proof of activity and the requisite Membership Application Fee made payable to NYSOWA. Prospective members must also be elected to membership by majority vote of the Screening Committee.

\*Persons not residing in New York State, who otherwise qualify for membership, may become members and shall be entitled to all the privileges of resident members including the right to vote. Non-resident members are not eligible to hold elected office.