

Please make checks for dues payable to National Federation of Press Women.

# Application for Membership

Active members must be employed in the communications field for remuneration or show samples as evidence of regular contributions of work to a nonprofit organization. If you are a freelancer, please attach a sample of work broadcast, written, or published within the past year for which you received payment.



- 1 Complete application form below and sign.
- 2 Enclose check for state and national dues, based on a calendar year. (Active member \$100; student \$30; retired \$40.) Please read the requirements for each category of membership before applying. **Make check payable to National Federation of Press Women.**
- 3 Return check, page 1 of the application, and work sample (if required) to: Alaska Professional Communicators, P.O. Box 100441, Anchorage, AK 99510-0441, or give them to the membership manager.

Alaska Professional Communicators is an affiliate of the National Federation of Press Women, a nationwide organization for women and men.

We are committed to professional excellence and the promotion of the highest ethical standards in communications fields, to equal opportunity in those fields, and to the rights and responsibilities of the First Amendment.

## Membership categories

- Active
- Retired
- Student
- Honorary

## For Board use only

- Date received \_\_\_\_\_
- Date approved \_\_\_\_\_
- Sponsor \_\_\_\_\_
- New     Reinstated
- Membership Chair \_\_\_\_\_

### Info for application

Name		Have you ever been a member of NFPW?	
Employer		Job Title	
Short statement of job duties (n/a for students, retirees)			
Home Address		Preferred mailing address: Home/Work	
Work Address			
Home e-mail		Work e-mail	Preferred e-mail address: Home/Work/Both
Home phone		Work phone	

I hereby apply for membership in Alaska Professional Communicators, an affiliate of the National Federation of Press Women.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

### Optional info for APC web site

Including your personal and professional information on the APC web site as a way to network is one benefit of membership. Check the box next to each item you that would like listed on the site and include details on a separate page.

- Name    Email address    Web site address    Occupation    Employer    Photo    When you joined APW/APC
- Published work    Professional awards    Interests    Other

**Alaska Professional Communicators is organized to provide networking, friendship, and professional education opportunities for the state's communicators.**

## Applying for membership

Application may be made for any of the membership categories listed below. The type of membership for each applicant will be determined by the APC Board of Directors acting as membership qualifications review committee.

### Active membership

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Any person who qualifies as a professional communicator actively engaged in communications service for remuneration, or whose work is the equivalent of paid professional work, shall be eligible for active membership.

Examples of eligible occupations: Editorial, photographic, production, managerial, graphic, or creative communications services for a newspaper, journal, or magazine, including online media; on the publications or editing staff or in the public relations department of an established educational, governmental, industrial, commercial, civic, or fraternal organization or institution; on the staff of a licensed radio or television station; employee or owner of a recognized public relations firm; or an accredited teacher of communications.

**Questions?** Write APC or call or e-mail the membership manager.

Freelance communicators are welcome but must provide evidence of work in the communications field for remuneration. Applicants should submit at least one sample of work sold or published during the past year. Examples include a book, article, or short story; copy for online media; a newsletter; a news story; public relations or publicity services; copy for advertising, etc. Applicants should expect to maintain a regular production level. If on the regular payroll of a firm or publication, freelance communicators should provide a statement to that effect.

Any member in good standing at least 5 years who retires from full-time professional employment and does not receive substantial remuneration from media communications may choose to retain active membership at the full dues rate.

### Retired (emeritus) membership

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Any member in good standing at least 5 years who retires from full-time professional employment and does not receive substantial remuneration from media communications may elect to become a member emeritus. Such members may attend meetings and speak to motions, but may not propose, second, or vote on a motion, nor hold elected office. They are not counted for quorums, but are counted in membership totals for delegate allocation. They cannot be a delegate to the NFPW National Conference as long as they remain in emeritus status.

Emeritus members are eligible for the NFPW Communications Contest. They are listed in the NFPW directory and receive NFPW national publications.

### Student membership

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Any full-time college or university student who intends to enter the communications field upon graduation may be eligible for student membership. Student members may attend meetings of the professional APC and may speak to motions, but may not propose, second, or vote on a motion, nor hold elected statewide office in the professional group. They are eligible for the NFPW Communications Contest. They are listed in the NFPW directory and receive NFPW national publications. Student members are eligible for student membership for up to 12 months following college graduation. After that time, they must meet the qualifications for active membership.

### Honorary membership

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This membership may be granted by APC to recognize outstanding achievement in the field of communications upon recommendation of the Board of Directors. Honorary members retain their honorary status indefinitely. Dues payment will be waived for either the state or the national organization or both, as determined by the board.