



# Application for Membership

## Society of Environmental Journalists

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*SEJ does not make membership eligibility decisions based on race, religion, gender, national origin or sexual orientation.*

**Return completed application with special-offer payment of \$20 US funds—\$15 for students, Canadian or Mexican applicants. (Special offer applies to first-time members only.)**

**Please include a résumé. Attach a business card if available.**

### Categories of membership:

**Active:** Persons primarily engaged in the gathering, reporting, editing, photographing, producing or cartooning of news for dissemination by regularly published, general circulation newspapers, magazines and newsletters, radio and television stations and networks, syndicated news services, online publications and other media available to the general public.

**Associate:** Persons who are substantially engaged in journalism or work in fields that closely relate to environmental journalism but are ineligible for active membership, either because journalism is not their primary occupation or because their employer lobbies or conducts public relations work on the environment. Associate members enjoy all the programs, services and discounts that active members do. Associate members may run and vote only in the election for their designated seat on the SEJ board.

**Academic:** Persons on the faculty or enrolled as students of an accredited college, university or other school who have an interest in environmental writing. Academic members enjoy all the programs, services and discounts that active members do. Academic members may run and vote only in the election for their designated seat on the SEJ board.

**SEJ bylaws preclude from membership persons who engage in lobbying or public relations work relating to environmental issues and preclude from active membership persons whose employer engages in lobbying or public relations work relating to environmental issues.**

**SEJ defines lobbying as professional work primarily designed to influence legislation or government regulations. SEJ defines public relations as professional work on behalf of an organization, institution or business that promotes its views on issues affecting the organization, institution or business. It often involves issuing press releases or other statements to the media.**

*If you are uncertain about your eligibility, please refer to SEJ's bylaws at <http://www.sej.org/about/index5.htm> and SEJ's membership guidelines at <http://www.sej.org/join/index.htm>, or call (215) 884-8174 for a copy. SEJ staff is happy to help you should you need assistance.*

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**1. Is journalism your primary occupation?**     Yes     No

If yes, please go on to question 2.

If no, please consider questions 2 and 3 with regard to your primary employer as well as your journalism work.

**2. Are you presently engaged in lobbying or public relations work relating to environmental issues?** (See definitions above.)

Yes     No

If you answered yes, we regret that you are not eligible for membership in SEJ. You are, however, welcome to subscribe to our quarterly newsletter, SEJournal, and to attend annual conferences at a special subscriber's discount rate. Please see the enclosed SEJournal subscription form to determine your subscription rate. If you answered no, please go on to the next question.

**3. Is your employer engaged in lobbying or public relations work relating to environmental issues?**     Yes     No

If no, please go on to the next question.

If yes, you will most likely be eligible for SEJ's associate category, if other criteria for membership are met. Please complete the rest of the form.

**4. Are you a full-time faculty member or student at an accredited college, university or other school?**     Yes     No

If yes, you are most likely eligible for SEJ's academic category, if other criteria for membership are met. Please complete the rest of the form.

If you answered no to questions 2 and 3, you are most likely eligible for SEJ's active category. Please complete the rest of the form.

