



# 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 national 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.

5. **Select one only:** Which one of the following most accurately describes your employment?

- ☐ Author      ☐ Faculty      ☐ Freelancer      ☐ Magazine      ☐ News service      ☐ Newsletter  
☐ Newspaper      ☐ Nonprofit      ☐ Online Media      ☐ Photographer      ☐ Publisher      ☐ Radio  
☐ Student      ☐ Television      Other: \_\_\_\_\_

6. Please list media companies for whom you report stories. Freelancers, please list your primary companies first. Feel free to add a page or refer us to your résumé.

7. Are the stories you publish or produce available to the general public? ☐ Yes ☐ No

8 Tell us about yourself. Please list any books, awards, special reports or other work you have done that you'd like us to be aware of.

9. I hereby apply for membership in the Society of Environmental Journalists and do attest that the information I have provided on this form is true and complete. I understand the Board of Directors retains sole authority in determining eligibility for membership in any category. I understand that my continuing eligibility depends upon my employment being acceptable for membership by the terms of the SEJ bylaws, and upon my returning a completed survey each year to the membership committee. I further understand that if I engage in professional activity which renders me ineligible for membership in SEJ, I will notify the membership committee and have my name withdrawn from the membership rolls.

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

Name (Mr/Ms) \_\_\_\_\_ Business Title \_\_\_\_\_

**Mailing Address where you will receive SEJ Mail** (Please print clearly)

( ☐ Work ☐ Home ) *For publication in the members-only Web site directory.*

**Alternate Mailing Address**

( ☐ Work ☐ Home ) *Not for publication anywhere.*

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City \_\_\_\_\_

State/Province \_\_\_\_\_

Zip/Postal Code \_\_\_\_\_ Country \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_

*Not for publication anywhere.*

Work Phone ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_

Fax ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

*Primary*

*Secondary*

World Wide Web address \_\_\_\_\_

Where did you hear about SEJ? \_\_\_\_\_

*Dues are not deductible as Charitable Contributions for Income Tax Purposes. Dues may be considered ordinary and necessary business deductions.*

☐ Check enclosed (U.S. Funds payable to SEJ)

☐ Charge my VISA, MasterCard or American Express for \$ \_\_\_\_\_ U.S.D

Mail to: SEJ, P.O. Box 2492, Jenkintown PA 19046

I prefer my renewal notice to be

☐ E-mailed

☐ Sent by Postal Mail

**Office use only**

Staff entry \_\_\_\_\_

Reviewed by\* \_\_\_\_\_

Acceptance date \_\_\_\_\_

Category \_\_\_\_\_

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\* Member Committee Review:

Card Number \_\_\_\_\_ Expires \_\_\_\_\_

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Date sent: \_\_\_\_\_ Emailed applicant: \_\_\_\_\_ Review completed \_\_\_\_\_

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