

## Membership Application:

I submit the following information so that the Admissions Committee may consider my qualifications.

Please select one of the following membership types you are applying for. Refer to descriptions of each type on page 3 or read them on the OPC website here <https://opcofamerica.org/join/>

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| Active    | Student | Affiliate |
| Associate | Retired |           |

Date\*

Name \*

Email \*

Employer (if you are applying for a Student membership, enter the name of your college/university) \*

Job Title \*

Freelancer Information \*

If you are NOT a freelancer, please just enter NA. If you are a freelancer, please include links to at least three examples of your work. If you face a hardship in paying OPC dues, write a short paragraph here explaining why the Membership Committee should consider giving you some financial aid from the OPC's Freelancer Fund.

Home Address \*

Date of Birth (mm/dd/yyyy)\*

Home Address City \*

Home Address State, Province or Region (And country if non-U.S.)\*

Home Address Zip Code \*

Business Address (Street, State, Zip Code, Country) \*

City where you are currently based \*

Please enter your complete business address on one line. If your business address is the same as your home address, please just enter "Same as home address."

State / province / region where you are currently based \*

Country where you are currently based \*

Zip Code where you are currently based \*

Business Phone \*

Home Phone

Cell Phone

I want to receive OPC mail \*  at my home  in the office

**PROFESSIONAL REFERENCE: List TWO OPC members or someone familiar with your work:**

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Professional Reference Name (#1) \*  Professional Reference Affiliation and Job Title (#1) \*

Freelancer Reference Information (#1)

If your professional reference is a freelancer, please tell us their main strings - broadcasters or publications - and links to a few examples of their work. If your professional reference is not a freelancer, please just enter NA.

Professional Reference's Business Phone (#1) (optional)  Professional Reference Email (#1) \*

Professional Reference Name (#2)\*

Professional Reference Affiliation and Job Title (#2)\*

Freelancer Reference Information (#2)

Professional Reference's Business Phone (#2) (optional)  Professional Reference Email (#2) \*

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Applicant's Signature \*

**CLUB OBJECTIVES**

The objectives of the Overseas Press Club of America founded in 1939 in New York City by a group of foreign correspondents are to maintain an international association of journalists working in the United States and abroad to encourage the highest standards of professional integrity and skill in the reporting of news to help educate a new generation of journalists to contribute to the freedom and independence of journalists and the press throughout the world, and to work toward better communication and understanding among people.

**ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS AND DUES**

New members must pay a one-time \$25 initiation fee, which is included in the totals below. Members 29 and under are exempt from the initiation fee.

ACTIVE	ASSOCIATE	STUDENT*	RETIRED*	AFFILIATE*
<p>Candidates must be presently engaged in journalistic work as their principal professional activity and source of earned income.</p>	<p><b>ASSOCIATE RESIDENT &amp; NON RESIDENT</b></p>	<p>Registered student in a graduate or undergraduate journalism school.</p>	<p>Active or Associate residents who are fully retired from income-earning activity may be eligible for Retired status and a reduction in dues, and should submit a written request to the Admissions Committee.</p>	<p>Affiliate membership may be offered by one or more members of the Board of Governors to those whose business or professional work involves a close relationship with or interest in the field of journalism and to diplomatic or other government officials whose association with the Club will advance its objectives.</p>
<p>This category includes working journalists, foreign correspondents, stringers and freelancers as well as publishers, editors, reporters, writers, columnists, bloggers, photographers camerapeople, newscasters, commentators and others of equivalent position and editorial authority.</p>	<p>a. not currently working in a fulltime journalistic capacity, but having previously accumulated minimum of two years with established news organizations.</p>			
	<p>b. journalists employed by government owned news organizations.</p>			
	<p>c. public information and public relations representatives of agencies of national governments or intergovernmental organizations.</p>			
<p><b>ACTIVE RESIDENT &amp; NON RESIDENT</b></p>	<p>d. professional editors, publishers and agents of nonfiction books, especially those dealing with international affairs.</p>			
<p>a. working journalists who have been employed by, and freelancers frequently published by, established news organizations for at least two cumulative years.</p>	<p>e. current representatives of non-profit organizations involved with newsworthy activities of interest to the Club.</p>			
<p>b. authors of professional works of journalism especially on foreign affairs.</p>	<p>f. journalism professors.</p>			
<p><b>ACTIVE OVERSEAS</b></p>	<p><b>ASSOCIATE OVERSEAS</b></p>			
<p>a. foreign correspondents who are on assignment abroad as full-time staff members of established news organizations.</p>	<p>Same as above, but living outside the United States.</p>			
<p>b. frequently published freelancers and stringers employed abroad by established news organizations.</p>				

## **REINSTATEMENT**

Former members of the OPC who wish to apply for reinstatement must send a letter to the Admissions Committee stating the facts of their current professional status and any pertinent information including approximate dates of their former membership. The initiation fee will be waived, but a new application form must be submitted so that the Club has a current record. Each application will be considered on an individual basis with the category of reinstated membership corresponding to the applicant's present occupation.

## **AFFILIATE MEMBER (NON-VOTING)**

Affiliate membership may be offered by one or more members of the Board of Governors to those whose business or professional work involves a close relationship with or interest in the field of journalism and to diplomatic or other government officials whose association with the Club will advance its objectives.

**\$100 Initiation Fee** must accompany the application.

Dues payable annually on October 1: \$500.

## **DEFINITIONS**

**RESIDENT** : lives or has a principal place of business within a 50-mile radius of Columbus Circle, New York City, according to a special map published by the Hagstrom Map Company.

**NON-RESIDENT**: lives or works beyond the 50-mile radius as defined above.

**ESTABLISHED NEWS ORGANIZATION**: includes recognized and (regularly) established print and electronic news agencies, newspapers, press syndicates, broadcasting networks and stations and magazines. It does not include promotional publications or house organs of any government, organization or movement.