

Lakes Area Writers Alliance

Membership Application and Benefits



Have you dreamed of turning your words into a business or published book? Are you ready to stop procrastinating about the book you've wanted to start (or finish!) or the freelance writing business you've wanted to pursue "some day?"

Your "some day" writing aspirations can begin TODAY. The non-profit, Lakes Area Writers Alliance (LAWA), is a vibrant group who is here to help you accomplish your goals and achieve a whole new level of success!

So whether you dream of writing a heart-melting romance, an informative non-fiction book, an edge-of-your-seat fiction novel, or simply love the idea of sharing your memoir or poetry with a group of like-minded people, LAWA is a community that will empower you to grow a thriving, profitable, and sustainable writing business.

Benefits of LAWA Membership

Support:

- Being a member of LAWA allows you to connect with “writerly” people like yourself and find the support and education you may need to take your authorship dreams to the next level. Our group is a structured (yet fun!), active, and safe place to share your goals, victories, challenges, and fears with a wide range of members who share a common goal. We are a writing community dedicated to helping all writers in all genres to grow and be the best they can be.
- LAWA’s goal has always been to be a supportive, encouraging group of writers who meet regularly to hone their writing skills. We admire your desire to become a better writer and we’re here to help. Along with membership, you receive regular emails—info relating to workshops, contests, etc. You can read your work at one of our meetings and be critiqued, if you choose. See our Guidelines for other benefits. Monthly meetings are held the 3rd Saturday each month, from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Bethany Good Samaritan Center, in the Activity Room, located at 804 Wright Street in Brainerd.
- By attending our monthly meetings, members will meet, connect, learn, and share with others in the local writing community.

Online Visibility and Valuable Marketing Tools

- All members have the opportunity to include their headshot and website or social media links on the [LAWA website membership page](#).
- All members are invited to join our private Facebook LAWA Members Group, where daily discussions and prompts offer support, camaraderie, and inspiration.
- LAWA members will receive an “I am a Lakes Area Writers Alliance Member” to display on their websites, email newsletters, or on social media.

Community Outreach

- All members play a vital role in LAWA's annual writing contest and Conference/Book Fair. Both events are excellent ways to connect with new people, share your work, and hone your writing skills.
- Learn more about the writing contest here:
<https://brainerdwriters.com/writing-contest/>
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Affordable

- It's only \$20.00 per year to become a LAWA member!
 - NOTE: You may bring your dues and application to the monthly membership meetings or mail them in. Please make your checks out to Lakes Area Writers Alliance and mail your application and check to LAWA C/O Becky Flansburg, PO BOX 2814, Baxter, MN 56425.

Ongoing Education

- Our monthly LAWA meetings include writing exercises and informative mini-education sessions to help members stretch themselves creatively, gain new skills, and confidence.
- Quarterly Author Talks: Some of the best ways to learn is by listening to those who have traveled the path before us. LAWA strives to bring in knowledgeable published authors to share their writing journeys.

LAWA Member Code of Ethics

The Lakes Area Writer Alliance has adopted this Code of Ethics for its members to establish guidelines that reflect the highest principles under which they operate.

As a member of LAWA, applicants have agreed to follow these guidelines.

Lakes Area Writers Alliance Members shall:

- Participate in meetings, events, and outreach to the best of their ability.
- Shall hold the highest standards of professionalism and integrity, conduct themselves in a manner that respects the rights, welfare, free will, autonomy, and dignity of others.
- Conduct all personal and professional activities connected to LAWA with honesty, integrity, respect, fairness and good faith.
- Refrain from using their LAWA membership, including the name, logo, or any of the LAWA property in any way that is not authorized or misleading.

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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Welcome, new member! Please fill out and hand in/mail with your dues.

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Month: _____ **Year:** 20____

Name

Phone _____ Cell _____

Email

Address

_____ I am okay with having my phone/email included on the members communication list

_____ I intend to come to at least 3 meetings this year and be an active member of LAWA

_____ I prefer to be contact by ____ Email ____ Phone ____ Mail

Types of writing

I write: _____

What I need/would like from this group:

Topics I would like to hear (or give) a short talk on:

Suggestions for Activities or Ideas to help us become better writers:

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Signature:

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We look forward to helping you reach your writing goals!