



Hollywood Foreign Press Association®

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Dear Colleague,

Thank you for your interest in the Hollywood Foreign Press Association®.

Please find below the rules for applying for membership.

Please note that we only accept applications during the months of February and March each year. The official application form will be available online on the HFPA website (www.goldenglobes.com) and in the HFPA office starting early February.

In order to qualify for membership, you must:

- 1. Have a permanent, primary residence in Southern California.**
- 2. Qualify under the Hollywood Foreign Press Association Active Member definition. See attached copy.**
- 3. Be registered with the Motion Picture Association of America, in their International Directory, for at least one year preceding the date of your application.**
- 4. Be sponsored by two active members of the Hollywood Foreign Press Association.**

In addition, with the application for membership you must submit:

- 1. Letter of appointment as a Hollywood correspondent from a foreign publication of recognized standing, published outside the continental United States. This letter should describe and support the “standing” of your publication: circulation, age group, etc.**
- 2. Four complete and original issues from such foreign publications, each with one or more articles/interviews which must include your byline. If your publications are not in Roman characters, please add a detailed, signed translation of the publication’s title, date, title of the article and your name as they appear in the publications. Please highlight the information. These publications must be dated after June 30, 2018.**
- 3. Evidence of payment from your foreign publications.**

4. Letter of recommendation from each sponsor detailing how long you have been covering the entertainment industry while residing in the greater Southern California area and additional applicable information regarding your journalistic activities.

Your application will be given due consideration. The Hollywood Foreign Press Association's Credentials Committee will first review your application to determine whether it meets all criteria. All qualifying applications will be presented to the full active membership of the Hollywood Foreign Press Association for their vote, sometime in early May. New members are elected by majority vote of the active HFPA members.

Please be aware that only up to five applicants may be elected for a one-year provisional membership before being eligible for consideration for active membership status the following year. We invite all others to apply again in the following year.

There is a non-refundable initiation fee of \$500.00 payable by those successful candidates upon acceptance to this one-year provisional membership.

If you have any questions, or need any additional information, please contact our office by email info@hfpa.org or by phone (310) 657-1731.

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Section 4.1. Class of Members. The Association shall consist of Active, Affiliate, Associate and Honorary members, as follows:

- A. Active Members shall be:
 - 1. Journalists who cover the entertainment industries, and who do not supply their publication with material without receiving remuneration, and who fulfill any of the following requirements:
 - (a) Active and regular Hollywood correspondents who are representatives of at least one regularly published newspaper or periodical of recognized standing, in a foreign country, published outside the United States;
 - (b) Active and regular Hollywood columnists, radio or television reporters, with at least one regular outlet or one regular syndication (the same article appearing in two or more publications) outside the United States;
 - (c) Active and regular staff photographers of at least one newspaper or magazine of recognized standing in a foreign country, published outside the United States;
 - (d) Freelance journalists and photographers whose work appears in a foreign publication of recognized standing published outside the United States.
 - (e) Journalists and photographers whose work appears in an online publication.

The HFPA will accept clippings of articles and/or photographs published in online-only publications which are currently or were previously published in the form of print editions. The editorial offices of the online publication must be based and registered outside the United States of America. All clippings should be submitted in the form of printouts. They are subject to the same requirements as print clippings and must include:

- Name of the online publication
- Byline
- Date of Publication

In addition, online-only clippings (those with no direct link to a current or prior print edition) must be supported by a letter from the Editor-In-Chief and proof of payment.

In situations where articles and/or photographs are online only for a limited period, printouts should be submitted to the Executive Secretary for verification during the time the original article is still available online and be verified by two officers.

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- E. New members shall be:
 - 1. New members must fulfill all the requirements for active membership.
 - 2. After a period of one year, new members are eligible to apply for Active membership.
 - 3. A maximum of five new members a year may be accepted into the Association.

Section 4.2. Application for and Election to Membership

- A. Applicants for membership must submit to the Credentials Committee:
 - 1. An application for membership.
 - 2. Credentials from the publications appointing them as their correspondents.
 - 3. At least four clippings of their more recent articles.
 - 4. Evidence of payment from their publications or another media.
 - 5. Must have been accredited by the MPAA for at least one year preceding the date of application to the HFPA.
 - 6. Sponsorship from two active members, including a letter of recommendation from each sponsor detailing:
 - (a) How long the member has known the applicant.
 - (b) How long the applicant has been located in this area.
 - (c) How long the applicant has been writing about the entertainment industry.
 - (d) Any other information that would support the applicant's journalistic credentials.
- 4. Each active member may sponsor only one new applicant for membership each

year.

The Credentials Committee will consider the application and decide by a simple majority vote whether the applicant meets the Association's requirements for membership. If the applicant meets the requirements, then the application shall be submitted to the membership for 30 days' consideration. Prior to the next meeting active members shall decide by secret ballot and by a majority vote whether to accept the applicant as a member. All members shall submit their ballots to the Association's accounting firm prior to the May membership meeting. The accounting firm shall count the votes and attend the May membership meeting to announce the results.

B. New members who fulfill the requirements for Active membership after a period of one year, having been scrutinized by the Credentials Committee, may apply for active membership and be confirmed by the majority of active members. All members shall submit their ballots to the Association's accounting firm prior to the May membership meeting. The accounting firm shall count the votes and attend the May membership meeting to announce the results.