



# 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 of the Hollywood Foreign Press Association.

Please note that we only accept applications during the months of February and March each year. The official application form (that must be used) will be available online and in the HFPA office starting January.

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 publication(s), each with one or more articles/interviews which must include your byline. If your publication(s) 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 publication(s). Please highlight the information. These publications must be dated after June 30, 2005.**

- 3. Evidence of payment from your foreign publication(s).**
- 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 possible additional information regarding your journalistic activities.**

Your application will be given due consideration. The Hollywood Foreign Press Association's Credential Committee will first review your application to determine whether it meets all criteria. All valid applications will be presented to the full membership of the Hollywood Foreign Press Association for their vote, sometime in early May.

Please be aware that our organization is a voluntary membership group and application approvals are at the discretion and up to the majority vote of the membership. Up to five applicants with the highest number of votes by a majority of the voting HFPA members can be accepted for a one-year provisional membership before being eligible for active status. 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 one-year provisional membership.

If you have any questions, or need any additional information, please contact our Executive Secretary, Meher Tatna, by email [execsecy@hfpa.org](mailto:execsecy@hfpa.org), or by phone at (310) 657-1731.

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ARTICLE IV

MEMBERSHIP

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.

2. Active members shall be subject to annual scrutiny of their journalistic activities, and active membership shall be limited to members who meet the following qualifications during the July scrutiny of membership:

(a) Submit four original clippings from the preceding 12 months (July 1 through June 30); or

(b) Submit original financial proof indicating four sales from a legitimate news organization of journalistic activities regarding the entertainment industries, during the preceding 12 months (July 1 through June 30). Photocopies are not accepted, but copies of checks verified by two officers are acceptable.

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