WORKING ARTISTS FORUM
MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS AND INSTRUCTIONS 2025

The Working Artist Forum (WAF) is accepting applications for membership from professional-level artists working in two-dimensional, hand-executed art created in one or more of the following mediums: Acrylic, Charcoal, Colored Pencil, Crayon, Graphite, Gouache, Ink, Oil, Pastel, Tempera, Watercolor.

WAF Members are practicing artists with a high level of art education, expertise, and experience in the visual arts. They are also expected to volunteer and work for the organization (including shows/exhibits in which they participate), attend meetings regularly, pay dues, and support the efforts of the WAF. Pro-Bono work for the community is encouraged. Professional expertise of members is fostered through programs, group critiques, demonstrations, workshops and member exhibitions. A Maryland State Sales & Use tax number is required to participate in WAF shows.

New Member Screening: Monday, September 8, 2025 from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Academy Art Museum of Easton, in the Second Floor Drawing Studio

Application Process and Instructions:

1. Email completed application to cersenkal@gmail.com no later than Friday, September 5, 2025. Applications MUST be signed by a sponsoring WAF member in good standing. You will receive an acknowledgement of receipt from the Membership Chair. If you do not receive an acknowledgement your application was not received and you will not be eligible for membership jurying.

2. Art submitted for jury must be original, created in the above listed art medium(s), and due to limited studio space, must be limited in size to 24x36 inches. No copies or giclees are allowed and may not infringe upon any copyright. The work must have been completed within the past two years and may not have been done in a workshop nor in a class. Applicants must submit the following:

-Three ***recent properly framed original pieces of artwork in one or more of the art mediums listed above. The submissions' framed sizes must be 24x36 inches, or smaller.***

-One ***original drawing in black and white also properly framed. The submission's framed size must be 24x36 inches, or smaller.***

Each piece must have the following information attached to the back of the artwork: Artist's Name, Art Medium, and Phone Number.

Non-conforming art will not be accepted.

3. Deliver the four pieces of artwork to the second floor Drawing Studio at the Academy Art Museum of Easton on Monday, September 8, 2025 between 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. Doors will close promptly at 10:30 a.m. No deliveries will be accepted after this time.

4. Bring a copy of your completed application AND the $45 membership fee in the form of a personal check, or money order, made payable to WAF. If you are not accepted, your membership fee personal check, or money order, will be returned to you via USPS mail.

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5. A five-person selection panel of WAF members will independently evaluate submissions from 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. using the following criteria (see separate detailed definition of each category):

Composition/Design
Drawing
Technical Skills
Consistency in Quality/Presentation
Creativity/Originality

6. Pickup artwork from 11:30 to 12:30 p.m. on Monday, September 8, 2025. Notification of membership (accepted or declined) will be by email.