MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

Working Artists Forum

The Working Artist Forum (WAF) accepts applications for membership from professional 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, pay dues and support the efforts of the WAF. ProBono 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 Applications for membership are normally reviewed semi-annually, in March and September. This fall, the WAF has revised its application process and will accept digital entries submitted online.

Membership Application Requirements and Instructions – September 2026

Key Dates

Sunday, August 1,	Application period begins
Tuesday, September 1, 2026 – **6 PM**	Deadline for applications & digital submittals
Friday, September, 3, 2026	Notification of new members

Applicants must be sponsored by a current WAF member. If needed, interested applicants will be connected to potential WAF sponsors. Please contact Caryl Ersenkal at cersenkal@gmail.com for assistance with sponsorship.

Application Process and Instructions

The fall application includes two elements - a written application and digital images of artwork. The written application must be signed by a sponsoring WAF member in good standing. Applicants will receive an acknowledgement of receipt of both the elements from the Membership Chair. If you do not receive an acknowledgment your application was not complete and you will not be eligible for membership jurying.

Art submitted for jury must be original, created in the above listed art medium(s). No copies or giclees are allowed and artwork may not infringe upon anything copyright. The work must

have been completed within the past two years and may not have been done in a workshop or in a class. Applicants must submit four 2MB digital JPG images as follows:

- Three recent original pieces of artwork
- One original drawing in black and white

Both the completed written application and the four (2MB minimum) images must be received no later 6 PM on Tuesday, September 1, 2026. No applications will be accepted after this time.

1. The signed written application (scanned or photographed) along with the the four (JPG, 2MB minimum) digital images should be submitted uploaded through the link provided).
2. The following format should be used for the application and the images: your initials, title, image number (e.g. idapplication, idtitle01, idtitle02, idtitle03, idtitle04).

A five-person selection panel of WAF members will independently evaluate submissions using the following criteria: (Please download the detailed description of the Jury Criteria).

- Composition/Design
- Drawing
- Technical skills
- Consistency in Quality
- Creativity/Originality

Applicants will be notified of their membership (acceptance or declination) by September 4, 2026.

Upon acceptance, the annual membership fee of $45 is due and payable to Working Artists Forum.

It is hoped that all newly accepted members will be available to attend the WAF monthly meeting on Tuesday September 8, 2026 at 10 am at the Academy Art Museum, 106 South Street, Easton, MD.