

# WILLAMETTE WRITERS – MEMBER BENEFITS

## *Is your membership current?*

*Willamette Writers is the largest writers' organization in the Pacific Northwest, with over 1500 members. We are a non-profit, volunteer-based organization with chapters throughout Oregon. Our members include aspiring, professional, and best-selling authors.*

*Membership dues are \$45/year per individual, \$65 per family, and \$20 for students, or \$500 for a lifetime membership. Members receive the following benefits:*

### **Monthly Speaker Meetings** *(Free for members)*

Up to 100 people come to our Portland speaker meeting held at 7pm on the first Tuesday evening of each month in the historic downtown Old Church. Join us for a half-hour of fellowship at 6:30pm followed by a talk from authors and publishing experts. Monthly member meetings are also held at our various chapters.

### **Monthly Workshops** *(Member discount)*

Our professional workshops are designed to give you hands-on training with experts to develop your craft and discover publishing opportunities in this changing industry.

### **Annual Conference** *(Member discount)*

The Willamette Writers' annual three-day conference, held the first weekend each August in Portland, is the largest writers conference of the Pacific Northwest. It develops the careers of our members with expert panels and speakers, pitch sessions with agents and editors, and networking opportunities.

### **The Willamette Writer Newsletter Subscription** *(Complimentary)*

The Willamette Writer monthly newsletter contains articles by experts and members on the craft of writing and the publishing industry. We publish news about our members' books and writing events. Contributing writers are paid six cents per word published, and members receive ad discounts.

### **The WW Dispatch Email/Announcements** *(Complimentary)*

On Mondays, we send out The WW Dispatch with news about our events and programming to over 4,000 subscribers. We also announce new and current members' professional writing services and writing-related news at no charge, as space allows. Members and non-members can also request paid ad space for writing-related professional events, and members receive a discount.

### **Cynthia Whitcomb Writing House** *(Members only can reserve)*

Located just twenty minutes south of downtown Portland in West Linn, this five-bedroom furnished house is available to members to reserve for \$10 per writing room per day (8am to midnight) or \$60/day for group meetings.

### **Writing and Publication Opportunities**

Willamette Writers seeks to increase the visibility of its members through publishing and writing opportunities. Submissions accepted for publication in the monthly newsletter are paid at six cents per word. Guest blog posts on our website are invited. Volunteer with or submit your creative writing to our literary journal, *The Timberline Review*. Submit your writing to our screenplay and award contests. Pitch your book to an agent or publisher at our conference.

### **Young Willamette Writers** (*Free for young writers*)

A group for aspiring writers in grades 5 through 10. Meetings are held the first Tuesday of each month at Portland's Old Church at 7pm, the same time as the adult speaker meeting. Authors and writing teachers lead the young writers through creative exercises and discussion. The focus is creativity, writing, and fun! [www.willamettewriters.com/youngww](http://www.willamettewriters.com/youngww)

### **Books for Kids**

The WW Books for Kids program delivers up to 20,000 books per year to children who otherwise might not have them, primarily through social service nonprofits in Oregon and SW Washington. Donations are fully tax-deductible and go solely to the purchase of new books. To make a donation of books or dollars, visit [willamettewriters.com/booksforkids](http://willamettewriters.com/booksforkids) and contact [booksforkids@willamettewriters.com](mailto:booksforkids@willamettewriters.com).

### **Awards, Contests and Scholarships** (*Reduced fees for members*)

**FiLMLaB** - Designed to encourage short form writing, FiLMLaB accepts seven-page screenplay entries in the beginning of the year. The winning script is produced in Portland, and the short film debuts at the Willamette Writers Conference in August.

**Kate Herzog Scholarship** - Open to students who are seniors in high school, or freshmen or sophomores in college. Winners receive a full scholarship to the Willamette Writers Conference.

**Kay Snow Awards** – April deadline. This annual writing contest gives cash awards for fiction, nonfiction, Roland Smith YA and Middle Grade Fiction Award, and the Paulann Petersen Poetry Award. Student writers are awarded \$50 for first place in three grade divisions, \$20 for second place, and \$10 for third place.

**Achievement Awards** - Willamette Writers honors excellence in writing in the Pacific Northwest at the three major stages of writers' careers: Up-and-Coming, Distinguished NW Writer, and Lifetime Achievement. In addition, WW recognizes those who have contributed selflessly to the writing community with its Humanitarian award.

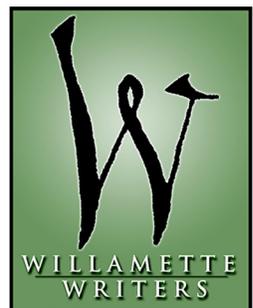
### **Volunteer Opportunities**

Willamette Writers is actively seeking volunteers for our board committees, member outreach, PR, literary journal, conference and events. Volunteering is a rewarding way to learn, network, and re-invigorate the otherwise solitary experience of writing.

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The Willamette Writers Main Office and mailing address: 2108 Buck Street, West Linn, Oregon. The office is staffed from 10am to 2pm weekdays. Contact the office manager at 503-305-6729, or by email: [office@willamettewriters.com](mailto:office@willamettewriters.com).

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