

## Professional Assessment & Membership Form

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To qualify as a professional member in The Word Guild, you must have a sufficient body of work. Any combination of the following that totals 50 points qualifies you for professional membership.

**Note:** works cited in the professional membership application must have been published/produced/performed (i.e. works in progress don't count).

Type of Work	Points
Print periodical articles, stories, reviews, columns	1 point per 500 words published (e.g. a 2,000-word article equals 4 points)
Major writing projects (e.g. manuals, promotional campaigns, government reports)	10 points each
Radio or television documentaries, plays, screenplays	1 point per 5 minutes of performance time
Published books of <i>fewer than</i> 40,000 words	15 points each
Published books of <i>more than</i> 40,000 words	25 points each
Poetry	2 points for every poem published in a paying market (1 poem per issue of a publication)
Editing	1 point for every four hours of paid editorial work
Other	May be allowed at the discretion of the membership committee <a href="#">Send an inquiry</a> describing your experience.

**All professional membership applications are subject to peer review.**

