



News Organization Membership Application

Missouri Press Association

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Thank you for your interest in joining Missouri Press Association.

News Organization Membership Application. An independent news gathering organization is defined as an entity dedicated to sharing their news to member newspapers free or for a fee. Requirements for News Organization Membership shall be as follows: A news organization must publish for three years, regularly and consecutively, prior to application for News Organization Membership. The News Organization content must be published using recognized standards of professional journalism. Its content must be revised on a regular basis, not less than once per week. It shall bear a fixed title or name and date lines. The News Organization content must not serve primarily as a platform to promote the interest and/or opinions of a special interest group, individual or cause.

Each request for News Organization Membership shall be submitted to and must be approved by the Board of Directors of the Association. Notice of such application for membership shall be published in the Association's publications, i.e. Bulletin, and / or Missouri Press News three (3) times, with the first publication being at least 45 days before a Board meeting at which the application will be acted upon. An applicant denied membership may reapply after a lapse of 12 months. Application must be accompanied by a copy of the News Organization's web address and a check for the first year's dues. Dues shall be prorated at 50 percent for applications made after July 1. In addition, the applicant must submit a letter of sponsorship from one (or more) MPA active publisher(s). Only members of the working press associated with the News Organization may be issued official MPA press credentials. All applications for MPA press credentials must be received in writing from the CEO or Editor.

Benefits of Membership: Full legislative representation. Legal advice from Hotline Attorney. Receive Weekly Bulletin and Monthly MPA Magazine. Listing in the Newspaper Directory (Online and in print.) Discounts to attend annual convention, meetings, and training. Central office consultation and services. Advertising representation. Eligibility to compete in MPA News and Advertising contests. Various other member services. Friend of Missouri Press Members that qualify as Publications / Online Websites / News Organizations that hope to be approved for Active membership status may also receive the benefits stated above.

Once your membership is approved, publication members are requested to upload all copies of their publication to NewzGroup (MPA's partner for digital backup) please email digital copies to: upload@newzgroup.com **OR** there are FTP and web-base portal options available for automatic uploads, please email your request to get setup to upload@newzgroup.com

All applications are subject to approval by the MPA Board of Directors.

Name(s)/Titles _____

Publication Name _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Telephone _____ Email: _____

Website _____

Circulation _____ Publication Frequency _____

News Organization Membership of Missouri Press Association - \$300 per year. Please include payment via check or pay by credit card online at: <https://bit.ly/3Nbshjh>