



# OIL PAINTERS of AMERICA®

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## SIGNATURE MEMBER APPLICATION – DUE OCTOBER 15

Please Print

FIRST NAME \_\_\_\_\_ LAST NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY/STATE/ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

CONTACT PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ E-MAIL \_\_\_\_\_

The OPA Board of Directors has created a Signature Member Advisory Committee that will review the new applications for Signature status. **Applications may be submitted between June 1 and October 15 of each year.** The Board of Directors will act upon the applications at its December Board Meeting.

An Associate member may apply for Signature Member status by meeting the criteria of either of the following requirements:

### **OPTION 1: Automatic Signature Status**

Within an eight year period a member must have exhibited in either:

- 1) four national OPA shows; OR
- 2) three national OPA shows and three regional and/or salon shows. (Regional and salon shows must be within the last five years.)

**If these requirements are met Signature Member status will be conferred with no further evaluation. However, qualified members must still submit an application between June 1 and October 15, for approval at the December board meeting.**

### **OPTION 2: Committee Review**

Over an indefinite period of time members must have exhibited in either:

- 1) three national OPA shows; OR
- 2) two national OPA shows and three OPA regional or salon shows. (Regional and salon shows must be within the last five years.)
- 3) Please send:

- Twelve digital images of your work on a flash drive.  
Images must have been painted within the last five years. (No workshop or instructional paintings please.)

- **Also include on the flash drive a 2 page biography** that includes your education, formal or self-taught, any awards received, short list of published articles, and any galleries you currently work with. (Please note, judging places greater emphasis on the artist’s body of work than on his/her credentials.)

**Members who have met these requirements are qualified to submit for Signature status between June 1 and October 15, for consideration at the December board meeting.**

**Please complete the following:**

**List the Oil Painters of America Exhibitions that qualify you to submit for Signature status:**

(For verification purposes, please indicate (if applicable) any exhibitions where your name might be listed differently than the name you have provided above.)

NAME OF EXHIBITION	YEAR	LOCATION	SAME NAME?
(Please print neatly)			(Yes or No)
1. _____			
2. _____			
3. _____			
4. _____			
5. _____			
6. _____			

**Summary of Policy #4 – Signature Membership**

Please remember that if you are granted Signature status you must continue to be an active, dues paying member in order for OPA to recognize you as a Signature Member. Also, if you do not pay your dues by January 31, of any given year, you will not be listed as a Signature Member in the annual catalog. If a Signature Member has not paid his/her dues for three or more years, he/she will be required to resubmit for Signature Member status.

To retain Signature status, a member must:

- Be of exceptional merit and a member in good standing,
- Continue as a paid member in order to keep his Signature status active,
- Demonstrate that he/she consistently paints at a high skill level.

A Signature Member is encouraged to use the initials OPA following his/her name on all paintings and in published materials.

**I certify that the information provided above is accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge.**

**Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_**