



OIL PAINTERS of AMERICA

CREATING COMMUNITY · ADVANCING SKILLS · ELEVATING EXCELLENCE

2027 MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Salutation ☐ Ms. ☐ Mr. ☐ Mrs. ☐ Miss ☐ Dr.

Name (first, middle, last)

Address line one

City, State, ZIP

Phone number

Email address

Website URL

How did you hear about us?

ONLINE DIRECTORY

☐ Include me ☐ Do not include me

If you opt in, we will add your name, city, state, membership category, and subject matter to the Directory where collectors can find you. Addresses, phone numbers, and email addresses are not listed.

Subject Matter *Mark those that apply to your artwork.*

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| ☐ Animal | ☐ Cityscape/urban |
| ☐ Figurative | ☐ Floral |
| ☐ Landscape | ☐ Portrait |
| ☐ Seascape/Marine | ☐ Still Life |
| ☐ Vehicle | ☐ Western |

MEMBERSHIP CATEGORY

Choose one. See page 2 for descriptions and eligibility.

NEW APPLICANTS*

- ☐ Associate \$80
☐ Student FREE
☐ Student Associate \$40

RENEWING MEMBERS

- ☐ Associate \$80
☐ Signature \$80
☐ Master Signature \$80

BECOME A SUPPORTER

Make an optional tax-deductible contribution.

- ☐ \$50 ☐ \$100 ☐ \$250 ☐ \$500
☐ Other amount: \$.....

Gifts of \$2,500+ qualify for our Benefactor, Bronze, or Platinum circles.

HOW TO APPLY Print, fill in, and mail this form with your check to:

Oil Painters of America
P.O. Box 2488
Crystal Lake, IL 60039-2488

*New applicants must submit two samples of your work.
Send digital images with name, title, & size in the filename to:
jurying@oilpaintersofamerica.com

Please allow 2-4 weeks for processing of your application.

To apply online instead, visit our website and tap Membership.

Dues \$

Donation OPTIONAL \$

TOTAL ENCLOSED \$

U.S. Currency only. Make check payable to OPA.

SIGNATURE DATE

Questions? Call us at (815) 356-5987 or email us at membership@oilpaintersofamerica.com
www.oilpaintersofamerica.com



MEMBERSHIP CATEGORIES

Associate

This is where most new artist members start. If you're a representational oil painter residing in North America, you are eligible. We require new applicants to provide two samples of their work in order to ascertain that they are indeed representational oil painters.

Signature (OPA)

Artists who consistently demonstrate high quality work may qualify for Signature status and the use of "OPA" after their signature. There are two pathways to attain Signature status.

Option 1: Automatic. An artist must have exhibited in either

- a) four National Exhibitions within eight years, or
- b) b) three National Exhibitions within eight years and any combination of three of the following two options within five years: one, exhibit in a juried OPA exhibition other than the National, and two, be an award winner or finalist in an online showcase. Qualified members must still submit an application between June 1 and October 15 for automatic approval.

Option 2: Committee Review. In order to apply, an artist must have exhibited in either

- a) three National Exhibitions (no time limit) or
- b) two Nationals and any combination of three of the following two options within five years: one, exhibit in an OPA juried exhibition other than the National, and two, be an award winner or finalist in an Online Showcase.

Applications are due between June 1 and October 15.

Master Signature (OPAM)

Artists who have exhibited exceptional merit in their work and distinguished accomplishment in the field of art may qualify for Master Signature status and the use of "OPAM" after their signature. Signature members may apply. Applications are due September 1 for review and approval by the OPA Board of Directors.

Student Memberships

We offer two options for students aged 14-23 to join OPA. *Student members may not vote or hold office.*

Student Membership is free, because we want to support young artists, and these members may compete in the Student Art Competition and attend Lunch & Learns.

Student Associate Membership allows entry to all OPA exhibitions and online Showcases as well as the Student Art Competition, and have access to the Lunch & Learns.

International Associate

For artists who live outside of North America and wish to be a part of OPA, we offer the **International Associate Membership**. Members in this category receive digital newsletters, catalogs and emails about OPA events and activities; have full access to Lunch & Learns; and may enter the Spring and Summer Online Showcases to compete with all other entering artists. They may attend the Convention and enter the Wet Paint Competition to compete with all other entering artists. Otherwise, they are not eligible to enter any physical OPA exhibitions. *They may vote at general membership meetings but may not hold office.*

Collectors Circle

As a professional organization of oil painters, OPA welcomes those who appreciate art and wish to associate with working artists. Join a growing group of like-minded enthusiasts under the guidance of a Board member who is also a collector. You'll have exclusive early access to shows, you'll meet the artists and judges, and you'll get to attend special programs and lectures at exhibition openings.