

APFTA Membership Application Policy

Intent

A Place for the Arts is a Bancroft-based society of visual artists. Ideally, all of our members will be committed to the constant improvement of their art, our gallery and our organization. This policy is about ensuring that new members have a strong artistic foundation or base level of proficiency when they join us in this journey.

The curatorial or adjudication process is for new members only; existing members are exempt, grandfathered in.

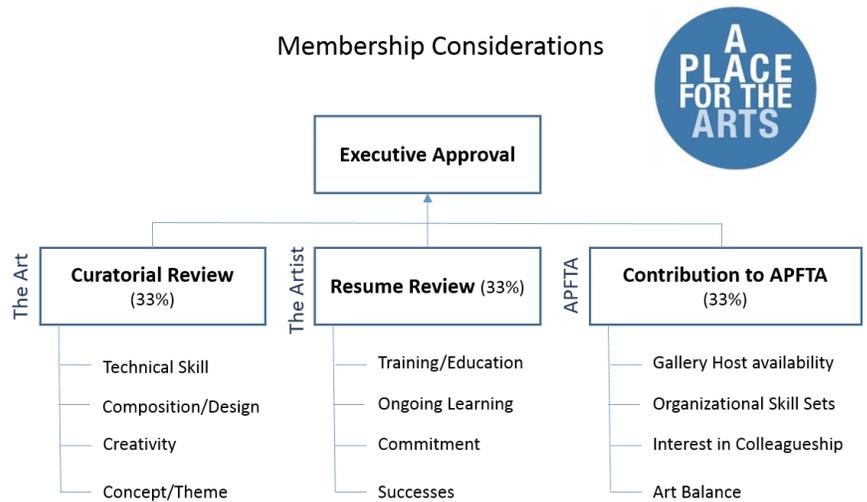
Membership Level

APFTA has placed a membership cap at 40 members, anticipating 30-35 members using hanging or wall space and 5-10 members requiring placements on plinths or in display cases. A waiting list of potential members will be maintained by the Membership Engagement Director or designate. Applicants on the waiting list will be considered and adjudicated only after and upon direction from the Executive (indicating available capacity). The Executive will not be bound by applicant position on the waiting list.

Criteria to be considered

The Membership Engagement Director and the Curatorial Coordinator will assess applicants from three perspectives:

1. Review by a Curatorial Panel, looking at the quality of the applicant's art provides one of three important inputs to membership acceptance.
2. The Membership Director also looks at the artist (resume) to identify art training, engagement in lifelong learning, commitment (time and space protected for art), and success indicators (shows, awards, sales)
3. The Membership Director or designate will also consider the applicant's interest in and ability to contribute to APFTA.



Process

When the Executive determines that additional members are required, the Membership Engagement Director and the Curatorial Coordinator will select a panel of 3-5 jurors to review applications. The panel will be selected so that at least one member is familiar with the type of visual art to be reviewed; panel members will not have a personal connection with applicants.

Panel members will present individual recommendations to the Curatorial Coordinator who will then prepare a consolidated report for the Membership Engagement Director (MED). The MED will then make a final recommendation to the Executive for approval. The MED will convey the Executive decision to each applicant.