



Craftsmen's Guild of Mississippi, Inc.
Exhibiting Membership Application Form
OUR MISSION IS TO PRESERVE AND PROMOTE FINE CRAFTS

Individual exhibiting membership in the Craftsmen's Guild of Mississippi, Inc. is open to anyone anywhere. Out-of-state members may enjoy all Guild privileges with the exception of voting. Group exhibiting membership is available to two or more Mississippi artisans; the Standards Committee decides group exhibiting membership on a case-by-case basis. Leaders are responsible for the quality of the group's work. Benefits of membership include:

- Invitations to show and sell work at all sanctioned Guild events such as the December Chimneyville Crafts Festival
- Referrals to other national and international festival organizers
- Direct referrals to collectors, buyers, designers and wholesalers
- The privilege to sell and demonstrate work at Guild retail galleries and outposts
- Direct referrals to feature writers, authors and producers
- A quarterly newsletter with articles designed especially for the professional artisan
- Invitations to special members' meetings, workshops and social events

Membership benefits are provided for \$75 annual dues. A \$30 jury fee is charged when a member's work is reviewed every three years. After nine consecutive years of membership, and the successful completion of four standards reviews, a member becomes a FELLOW with no jury requirements thereafter.

The slides and/or photographs presented with the application will not be returned if applicant is accepted into membership. They will be kept in Guild publicity files.

Examples of work may be submitted in more than one medium (wood, pottery, baskets, glass, etc), but each medium must be accompanied by a separate application, resume, artist's statement, slides and \$30 fee.

Deadline for submissions:

Last Saturday in February for MARCH REVIEW

Last Saturday in August for SEPTEMBER REVIEW

Submissions arriving two weeks prior to deadline are appreciated by the staff.

Applications should be shipped or hand delivered to:

Craftsmen's Guild of Mississippi, Inc.

1150 Lakeland Drive

Jackson, Mississippi 39216

(601) 981-0019

Office Hours: 9-5 Mon - Sat

About the Standards Review

The STANDARDS APPLICATION, \$30 jury fee, 3 examples of work, 5 color slides or photographs and all supporting documents must be submitted no later than the application deadline. Office hours are 9 to 5, Monday through Saturday. Hand-delivered pieces may be picked up after the Guild office has contacted you that standards has completed the review. Notification regarding membership will be made by mail within three weeks after the standards review. The Guild is not responsible for applicant's work that is not picked up within 30 days following notification.

The Standards Committee is composed of nine exhibiting members, appointed for three-year terms by the Guild President. The President is a voting member of the committee. The committee elects the chairman. The committee meets twice a year to jury prospective applicants. Exhibiting members are re-evaluated every three years for nine consecutive years before the member becomes a fellow and need not submit to further reviews.

Each piece of work is handled and scrutinized carefully by every member of the committee. **Work made from pre-assembled commercial kits is not acceptable.** A very high degree of skill and competence must be evident. Small details are considered. Slides, resumes and artists' statements are reviewed. Open discussion is held, and experts in the medium are consulted. An artisan's emerging potential is considered. Each committee member then scores each entry using the ballot shown below:

NAME: _____ MEDIUM _____

CIRCLE ONE FOR EACH CATEGORY					
DESIGN:	1	2	4	5	TOTAL POINTS
CREATIVITY or					
TRADITION:	1	2	4	5	
CRAFTSMANSHIP:	1	2	4	5	
OVERALL IMPACT:	1	2	4	5	_____

Numbers are averaged; the sum total of the raw score is divided by four, for the four areas of evaluation. An applicant must receive a score of 3.5 to be invited to membership. Applicants not asked to become members may resubmit as early as the next scheduled jury if the applicant feels that their work has improved sufficiently.

The Craftsmen's Guild of Mississippi is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit corporation of professional craftsmen. A high standard of excellence is always maintained. Member's work is subject to review at all Guild events. All exhibited work must be handmade. Failure to maintain consistent standards can result in probation or expulsion.



APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

Please type or print legibly

Name _____ Street _____
City _____ Phone () _____
State _____ Zip _____ email _____

I understand that the \$30 jury fee is not refundable, nor does it include Guild membership. I certify that the entries submitted comply with all policies set forth by the Craftsmen's Guild of Mississippi, Inc.

Signature

Date

How should entry be returned? _____

GROUP EXHIBITING MEMBERSHIP:

A group exhibiting membership is a group (two or more) of producing craftsmen working in one or more crafts with a designated leader. The group must be a resident of the State of Mississippi and subscribe to the purposes and polices of the Guild as defined in the Charter and Bylaws of the Guild. Groups have one vote. Group types: (1) Crafts cooperatives; (2) Indian crafts; (3) Production studios (the designated leader must take full responsibility for the work quality of the entire group.)

GROUP APPLICATION FORM

Business Name _____ Location _____
Person in Charge _____
Number of Artisans _____ Designer _____

Please sign above agreement that application fee is not refundable, then date and designate how entry should be returned.

TO APPLY: (Checklist) *Incomplete applications and support documents will not be accepted.*

1. ____ Completed the STANDARDS APPLICATION
2. ____ Included five returnable color slides or photographs showing the scope of your work in one medium only, and provided descriptions of the work pictured in the slides. Do not include images of the three actual pieces of your work featured in #4.
(Note: current Craftsmen’s Guild of MS members need not submit slides or pictures for third year reviews.)
3. ____ Enclosed a copy of your professional resume and an artist’s statement describing tools, techniques, material acquisition and preparation, motivation or inspiration, basis of designs and exact production methods. If, for any reason, you need help with this application, please telephone the Guild office (601-981-0019) for assistance. An audio tape recording of your artist’s statement is acceptable in lieu of the written version.
4. ____ Included three actual pieces of one medium of your best quality work for evaluation by the Standards Committee. Tagged each piece with your name, description/title, medium, insurance value and details of production legibly printed or typed.
5. ____ Included a \$30 non-refundable jury fee to cover handling costs. If your work is to be returned by mail, enclosed adequate packing, payment to cover the exact cost and specify UPS, Parcel Post, or other.

SLIDE or PHOTO DESCRIPTIONS

(Type or print legibly)

Medium _____

(Wood, glass, ceramics, baskets, etc.)

Two-dimensional art is not admissible.

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

5. _____

