
american society of contemporary artists

(Part I) TWO-YEAR MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION LETTER

The American Society of Contemporary Artists (ASCA) is a dues-supported association of approximately 100 professional artists whose goal is to advance painting, graphics, and sculpture. This objective is achieved in works that range from traditional representation to the completely non-figurative. ASCA members have exhibited in group and solo shows in the United States and abroad, gaining considerable distinction and recognition.

ASCA holds annual exhibitions in SoHo as well as occasional shows elsewhere. Juries consisting of non-member artists award prizes to particular works in recognition of their excellence. The success of the exhibitions depends on the consistently high quality of the art as well as on each member's active participation and hosting of each show. ASCA also published a Newsletter that provides information about the Society's activities and upcoming events.

Twice a year (March and November) the ASCA Admissions Jury reviews new applicants who have applied for membership. Applicants are judged primarily by their artistic ability. Artists who live in New York City and vicinity are also expected to carry out various tasks necessary for the successful functioning of the Society. Therefore, their willingness to participate in the organizational activities of the Society will be an important factor in the admissions process.

For those of you who reside in New York City and vicinity, you can volunteer for any of the committees listed on the ASCA Committees form. Check off all the committees that interest you, but you will be asked to serve on only one or two of them. In some cases, these committees are active only once or twice a year. Other requests for help may be made from time to time.

All members are required to pay annual dues. The works in all ASCA shows are by dues-paying members only. For all new applicants the fees and dues are as follows: \$50 initiation Fee and \$50 Annual Membership dues. If you exhibit in ASCA's Annual Show in SoHo, your Exhibition Fee is \$35 (payment after May 1st is \$50).

Once accepted as a member of ASCA for two years, you will be eligible for permanent membership status, subject to approval by ASCA's Board of Directors. More detailed information on payment dates and procedures will be distributed to new members after the selection process is completed.

We hope that this description of ASCA has been helpful. Thank you for your interest.

Sincerely,

Jeremy Comins, Chairperson
New Membership Committee

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