

# NFPW

WE ARE A DYNAMIC  
NATIONWIDE ORGANIZATION OF  
PROFESSIONAL COMMUNICATORS  
COMMITTED TO EXCELLENCE AND  
FIRST AMENDMENT FREEDOMS.

BE ONE OF US!



## Since 1937 we have remained steadfast in our commitment to:

- Professional development
- Networking with each other
- Safeguarding First Amendment rights
- The highest standards of communications

## We are diverse:

- Seasoned communicators
- Young professionals
- Students
- Retired

We work in print and electronic journalism, public relations, advertising, graphic design, new media, marketing, photography and more.

We are authors, freelancers, consultants and educators. We own businesses. We work for corporations, universities, nonprofits and government agencies.

## Be one of us!

**Learn more at [nfpw.org](http://nfpw.org)!**



## WHY JOIN?

### ■ Professional Development

Grab the edge in this competitive world! Hear top-notch speakers at workshops and conferences on state and national levels. The annual NFPW conference draws professionals and students from across the nation.

### ■ First Amendment Network (FAN)

Help protect critical First Amendment rights. This grassroots e-mail alert system notifies you when action is needed.

### ■ Job Bank

Jump to the head of the job-search line. Our expansive Job Bank features coast-to-coast openings in all fields of communications — from entry-level positions to those for seasoned pros.

### ■ Recognition

Win accolades for your work in state and national competitions that include categories for professionals as well as for university and high school students. Compete for the Communicator of Achievement award, the highest honor NFPW bestows on its members.

### ■ Discounted Libel Insurance

Protect yourself! Only for NFPW members, this affordable, comprehensive plan is ideal for freelancers and those working independently.

### ■ Education Fund Grants

Pursue educational opportunities! These grants can help underwrite the NFPW conference fee for first-time attendees and defray the cost of non-NFPW education events.

### ■ Leadership Development

Sharpen your leadership skills through seminars and by becoming active on state and national levels. The more involved you are, the more you'll benefit!

### ■ Newsletter

Enjoy our award-winning AGENDA that includes news about NFPW and broader issues of interest to communicators.

### ■ Networking

Gain the advantage! Be one of us, and you'll have instant access to a diverse network of colleagues throughout the nation — so important with the close interaction among those in the communications field.

**Your NFPW membership is  
as powerful as you make it!**

## HOW TO JOIN

Sign up now. You'll love our affordable rates!  
Then start networking! It's easy . . .



### 1. Choose your membership level

**Professional:** Communicators actively engaged in any aspect of communications for remuneration

**Student:** Those enrolled full- or part-time in a college or university communications program or related field, and those working in the communications field who are enrolled in classes

**Retired (Emeritus):** Professionals who have been NFPW members in good standing for at least five years and no longer receive substantial remuneration for work in the communications field

**At-large:** Those living in states with no NFPW affiliate, paying only national dues in the professional, student or retired categories

*Option:* Join the state affiliate nearest you and participate in all affiliate activities!

### 2. Determine your dues

Check the enclosed chart for state and national dues.  
Or go to <http://bit.ly/195V3gO> for current rates.

### 3. Submit your application

#### ■ Online

Go to <http://bit.ly/1kkdcMI> to apply online through our secure site.

#### ■ By mail or fax

Complete the enclosed application or fill out the form at  
<http://bit.ly/1g9HEDz> and print.

*Mail your form with check made out to NFPW to:*

NFPW Membership Department  
P. O. Box 34798  
Alexandria, VA 22334-0798

*Or fax to:* 703/812-4555  
(only if paying by credit card)



## Welcome to NFPW!

You now have a supportive  
network of colleagues and friends  
throughout the nation.

## Our members speak out on why they're NFPW members



*"NFPW stays fresh and up to date with ideas and opportunities."*

*"I value the networking with so many amazing, talented people...sharing common issues, experiences and new ideas. I can't imagine not having NFPW as a support group to inspire me to lifelong learning in my chosen field."*

*"Many members have given me great support and encouragement."*

*"Through NFPW I can keep abreast of First Amendment issues and have developed contacts and friendships all over the country."*

*"The people I have met represent the best in my profession."*



## **NFPW Code of Ethics**

*As a professional communicator,  
I recognize my responsibility to the public,  
which has placed its trust and confidence in my work,  
and will endeavor to do nothing to abuse this obligation.*

*With truth as my ultimate goal, I will adhere to  
the highest standards of professional communication,  
never consciously misleading reader, viewer, or listener,  
and will avoid any compromise of my objectivity or fairness.*

*Because I believe that professional communicators  
must be obligated only to the people's right to know,  
I affirm that freedom of the press is to be regarded  
as an inalienable right of the citizens of a free society.*

*I pledge to use this freedom wisely and to uphold  
the right of communicators to express unpopular opinions  
as well as the right to agree with the majority.*

Adopted in 1975  
NFPW National Conference  
Sun Valley, Idaho



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### **NFPW Education Fund**

Providing opportunities for NFPW members and students  
to expand their knowledge, education and skills  
as communications professionals.

[nfpw.org/resources.htm](http://nfpw.org/resources.htm)