



# MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Guild of Agricultural Journalists of Ireland

I wish to apply for membership of the Guild of Agricultural Journalist of Ireland:

**NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_

**ADDRESS:** \_\_\_\_\_  
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**TEL (landline)** \_\_\_\_\_ **TEL (Mobile)** \_\_\_\_\_

**EMAIL:** \_\_\_\_\_

**CATEGORY APPLIED FOR:** Full member \_\_\_ Associate\_\_\_ Corporate \_\_\_

**QUALIFICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP:**

**EMPLOYER:** \_\_\_\_\_

**ROLE:** \_\_\_\_\_

**DESCRIPTION/OTHER RELEVANT EXPERIENCE:**  
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\_\_\_\_\_  
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**PROPOSED BY:** \_\_\_\_\_

**SECONDED BY:** \_\_\_\_\_

**DATE:** \_\_\_\_\_

The proposer and seconder should be full members of the Guild of Agricultural Journalists in good standing. The completed application form should be returned to:

**Antonina Ni Dhuinn,**  
Secretary, Southern Section, Guild of Agricultural Journalists of Ireland,  
c/o 86 Eagle Valley, Powerscourt, Enniskerry, Co. Wicklow  
**Email:** AgriGuild@ProgressPR.ie

Please Note – Extracts from Constitution, Guild of Agricultural Journalists of Ireland:

1. The term agricultural journalist, wherever it is used in connection with the Guild, means a person who is engaged in editing, writing, broadcasting by radio, television or online, filming, photographing, economics or marketing in the industries of farming, horticulture, forestry, fisheries, food production, or in journalism concerned with the affairs of the countryside and rural living.
2. The aims of the Guild shall be to promote and maintain the highest standards of agricultural journalism, to encourage a free exchange of ideas within the profession and to stimulate expansion and development within the field of agricultural journalism. Along with this, it will be the aim of the Guild to maintain and expand contacts on the international scene, to improve the knowledge and scope of its members and associates.
3. A Candidate for election to membership of the Guild must be proposed in writing, and seconded by existing members. The proposers shall satisfy themselves that the candidate possesses the necessary qualifications for the class of membership for which he/she is proposed. The candidate must complete, and sign the application form supplied to him/her and comply with any other requirements of the regional committees, for the time being in office, and agree with any other requirements of the regional committees, for the time being in office, and agree to accept the decision of the committee upon his/her application, and to abide, if admitted, by the rules of the Guild. Each application will be referred to the Committee of the region in which the member lives. Each regional committee will have full autonomy in the election of members within its region.
4. Full membership is open to those who are currently agricultural journalists, as defined in paragraph. Any members ceasing to hold these qualifications can be re-classified or have their membership terminated by the Committee (following a review by the Committee) at any time provided ten days' notice in writing is given to the member.
5. Apart from full membership, the Guild may elect associates, under the same conditions of application as apply to membership. Associates may attend meetings but are not entitled to vote, or hold office within the Guild. Associates will be those whose primary income is not derived from agricultural journalism. Those admitted to associateship shall be part-time agricultural journalists, and part time public relations officers, directly involved in the agricultural field. Associates may also consist of individuals involved in the agricultural field, and whom the regional committees deem desirable to be associated with the Guild, or corporate entities (defined to include any form of company, public or private, limited or unlimited, group, association or partnership) with whom the Guild regional committees deem association to be desirable and such corporate entity must nominate a person to represent the said corporate entity.
6. Elected candidates shall be admitted on payment of the current annual subscription. An elected candidate shall not be entitled to any of the rights or privileges of membership or associateship, until such fees have been paid.
7. The amount of the annual subscription shall be determined by a general meeting of the members in each region. If any member or associate fails to pay his/her subscription within three months after it is due, the Treasurer shall by letter draw his/her attention to the fact; and if the subscription in arrears is not paid within 28 days from the date of such letter or within such further time as the regional committee may grant, such member or associate may, by a resolution of the Committee, be excluded from the Guild, and shall thereupon cease to be a member or associate.
8. A member or associate may retire from the Guild by sending in his/her resignation in writing to the Committee.
9. Any member who shall at the time change his/her contact details, and/or his/her place of employment shall immediately give notice thereof in writing to the Secretary.
10. Every letter or notice relating to any matter concerning the Guild, which shall be sent by the Secretary, or by the Committee to a member using the contact details furnished by such member, shall be deemed to have been properly sent, and he/she shall be deemed to have sufficient notice of the contents of such letter or notice.