

Minnesota Center for Book Arts

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Artist Cooperative Membership Application

Thanks for your interest in the MCBA artist cooperative. Through this cooperative, members have access to a wide range of bookbinding, papermaking and printing equipment and the opportunity to share techniques and ideas with other artists.

Membership in the MCBA artist co-op is designed for individuals who have demonstrated an appropriate level of experience in the book arts discipline/s they plan to work in. We require all artist co-op members to have the ability to use the facilities and equipment correctly, independently, safely, and with consideration for other members.

Prospective members need to read and complete an application form, interview with members of the artist cooperative at a monthly co-op meeting, and complete a thorough studio and safety orientation before using the studios.

Applications can be downloaded from the MCBA website or you may request one from MCBA.

Prospective members in the MCBA artist co-op must be willing and able to commit to at least 6 months' membership. The \$100 monthly fee is payable in total or through a combination of money and labor, with a minimum fee of \$50 per month. For each hour of volunteer time, members receive a \$10 credit in their monthly fee. A prospective co-op member must be a current MCBA member.

Membership Benefits

1. Access to printing, binding, and paper facilities and equipment
2. Key and security code to MCBA for 24-hour access (except for studios where classes are in session or during MCBA events)
3. Onsite storage space
4. Exhibition opportunities in MCBA and Open Book galleries
5. Referrals and resources for outside exhibitions
6. Study, teaching and mentor opportunities
7. Exchange of techniques, ideas and feedback within a community of working artists
8. 70/30 split on work accepted for sale in The Shop at MCBA
9. 50% discount on MCBA classes (co-op members pay full supply fee)

Equipment Guidelines:

Prospective members must demonstrate their competence to use equipment in each area they wish to work. This will be true for the duration of their membership. (e.g. a member who originally tests out in the papermaking area must also test out in the printing and/or binding areas if they later want to use equipment in those areas.) Testing out appointments will be arranged with MCBA.

Area (s) you would like to test out in:

Binding _____

Papermaking _____

Printing _____

Name _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Phone: Day _____ Eve _____

Email _____

Please write a brief narrative about yourself and your work. Include a description of your book arts experience, the kind of work you intend to do as a co-op member, and why you would like to be a co-op member at MCBA. Use a separate sheet of paper if you want.

Application Process:

1. Submit your completed application (pages 2 and 3) to the artist co-op c/o MCBA.
2. Your application will be reviewed by the MCBA artist co-op.
3. A member of the MCBA artist co-op will contact you to let you know if space is available in the artist co-op. If space is available and the co-op approves your application, you will be invited to an interview with co-op members at a monthly meeting.
4. The MCBA artist co-op will review your application and make its recommendation to Jeff Rathermel, MCBA Artistic Director.
5. Jeff Rathermel will contact you.

I have read the Co-op Guidelines and I am able and willing to abide by them.

Applicant Signature _____
Date

Co-op Member Signature _____
Date

MCBA Signature _____
Date

Mail your completed application to:

MCBA Artist Co-op
c/o Minnesota Center for Book Arts
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Membership Checklist:

- 1) A copy of this form, signed and dated
- 2) Demonstration of competence in equipment usage
- 3) Check made out to MCBA