



Minnesota Center for Book Arts  
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## **MCBA Artist Co-op Application**

Thank you 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 the co-op guidelines (available for download from the MCBA website), complete and submit 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.

Prospective members in the MCBA artist co-op must be willing and able to commit to at least 6 months' membership. The \$150 monthly fee is payable in total or through a combination of money and volunteer hours. For each hour of volunteer time, members receive an \$11 credit in their monthly fee, up to \$55. Prospective co-op members must also be current MCBA members.

### **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 workshops 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 workshops (co-op members pay full supply fee)

## Application

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 necessary.

## 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.) Test-out appointments will be arranged with MCBA.

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

Binding \_\_\_\_\_

Papermaking \_\_\_\_\_

Printing \_\_\_\_\_

## Application Process

1. Submit your completed application 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 Rathemel, MCBA Artistic Director, who will contact you with the decision.

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

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Applicant Signature

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Date

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Co-op Member Signature

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Date

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MCBA Signature

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Date

### Mail your completed application to:

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Artist Co-op  
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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