

# APF PROFESSIONAL MEMBER APPLICATION GUIDE

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### Professional Member Application Criteria

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#### **Consulting**

You have consulted with a minimum of two clients in each of the last three years, or three clients within the last 12 months on engagements that employ the perspective and/or methodology of futures studies. You will need to provide the names of clients, the dates and the nature of your work.

#### **Organizational Function**

You regularly use the perspectives and/or methodologies of futures studies in a full-time position within an organization. You will need to describe the organization, your position and your responsibilities/activities.

#### **Postgraduate Education**

You have successfully completed a postgraduate course in futures research, futures studies, foresight or a comparable field. You will need to provide details of the institution attended, course, semester and year the course was taken and the faculty member or adviser who can verify your study.

#### **Certificate Program**

You have completed a certificate program in foresight, futures research, futures studies, or a comparable field. Approved programs must issue a certificate or its equivalent based on a demonstration of learning, such as a test, a project, etc. You will need to provide details of the program including the demonstration of learning, the month and year you took the program, and an instructor or program manager who can verify your participation.

#### **Speaking**

You have delivered a minimum of two speeches or presentations on the future (paid or not) in each of the last three years or three within the last 12 months. You will need to provide the title, the audience, and the date of the presentation.

#### **Teaching**

You have taught a course on the future or futures theory or futures methodology. You will need to provide details of the institution, a description of the course and semester and year that you taught the course.

#### **Writing**

You have published a minimum of three magazine or journal articles and/or one book about the future or futures theory or futures methodology. You will need to provide the titles and citations of the articles or book.

## **Application Process**

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### **Submitting Application**

- To apply, please complete the "[signup](#)" form on the APF website.
- After submission, you'll receive a confirmation of receipt, and within 3 working days, you'll be notified that your application is under review.
- The Application Review Committee will review your credentials within a maximum of 10 working days.
- We will reach out to you through [membercare@apf.org](mailto:membercare@apf.org) if further information is needed.
- You will receive the decision and further instructions via email.

### **Receiving Application Decision**

You will receive a decision of "**Approve as Professional Member**" or "**Recommend to be a General Member**".

- If your application is **approved**, you will receive further instructions on the next steps;

- If the Application Review Committee "**Recommends General Membership**," it means you have not yet met the criteria for Professional Membership. You are welcome to engage with the community as a General Member and may reapply for Professional Membership in the future.

### **Having questions during the process**

Feel free to contact us at [membercare@apf.org](mailto:membercare@apf.org) with any questions or issues during the application process. We aim to respond within 2 working days.