



Skaneateles Artisans

Frequently Asked Questions by Member Applicants

1) How do I become a member of this organization?

We have a two-stage jury process. You will first present yourself and your work to the jury committee. If this committee recommends you and your work, you will present your work at a monthly meeting of the entire membership. After you present your work, the membership will vote on whether or not to invite you to become a member.

2) If I am voted in as a member by the entire membership will I then be a full member?

No. You will be an associate member for a probationary six months at which time you will receive training and learn the business. You will have a vote on everything except membership. At the end of the six month probationary period there will then be a vote on your full membership.

3) What are the costs of being a member?

We have a non-refundable jury fee of \$10. If you are voted in as an associate member, a security fee of \$150 will be due, and you will be required to pay a monthly assessment of \$150 per month, which may vary slightly according to the expenses of operating our business. Also, after you become a full member you will need to pay an additional \$150 security deposit to bring you up to what all existing members have paid.

4) What percentage of the selling price of my art do I give to the cooperative?

You will give 10% of each item.

5) How does the coop price my items?

You price each item. You are responsible for keeping an inventory of your work in the shop. Your price tag should include your seller's code number which will enable our treasurer to pay you for each item sold plus you will be able to cross check your payout check with the inventory sold.

6) How am I paid?

You will receive a payout check once a month.

7) How is the sales tax handled?

The coop collects and pays sales tax for each item.

8) Will I get my money back if I leave the organization?

We ask everyone for a 6-month commitment, therefore if you choose to leave before the 6 month time period is up then your security deposit will not be returned.

9) Who runs the coop?

The full members.

10) What is the Operating Agreement?

This is the document every member is required to sign that outlines the organization being run as an organized LLC.

11) Do I have to work at the shop?

Yes. You will be assigned to work approximately 4 shifts per month. In addition, you will be expected to work on two committees, attend the scheduled monthly member meeting, and help clean and maintain the building.