



Association of Writers
& Writing Programs

CONFERENCE SERVICES

Policy on the Writer to Agent program

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AWP provides literary agencies with the opportunity to participate in our yearly Writer to Agent program. The Writer to Agent program allows for any registered conference attendee to submit a 5-page sample of their creative work for review by participating agencies. If the agency is interested in further conversation with the writer, the agency will set up a meeting at the Annual Conference & Bookfair in space provided by AWP.

The program opens for submissions in November of each year and closes in late January. Agencies must review all submissions to the Writer to Agent program on Submittable, and will provide AWP a list of the writers they are interested in meeting with at the Annual Conference & Bookfair. The list must be received at least 3 weeks prior to the conference.

Agency Partner Eligibility Requirements

The agency must have:

- At least 3 permanent, professional staff capable of executing the requirements of the program prior to and onsite at the Annual Conference & Bookfair;
- A commitment to representing authors diverse in their backgrounds, aesthetics, genres, and affiliations;
- A demonstrated history of excellent and fair representation of its authors;
- Three years of participation in AWP's conference in some capacity as a presenter, Bookfair exhibitor, sponsor, etc.

AWP provides the following:

- Access to AWP Conference attendees' submissions;
- Recognition of the agency's participation on AWP's social media platforms and website;
- Promotional support for the program;
- Appropriate meeting space available during all conference hours;
- Logistical support for the submission process;
- 3 registration waivers for participating staff only; waivers are non-transferable.

To apply to participate in the Writer to Agent program, please email colleen@awpwriter.org with a short summary of your organization's eligibility. All submissions must be sent by September 1 of each year for the following year's conference. Acceptance is at the discretion of AWP and we can accommodate a maximum of four participating agencies each year.