



TEXT AND ACADEMIC AUTHORS ASSOCIATION

# How to Start a TAA Chapter

A Text and Academic Authors Association (TAA) Chapter is a great way to incorporate TAA's member benefits and resources into your writing group or professional development activities.

A TAA Chapter can be started with as few as 15 members. Chapter members pay only \$30 per year. (Graduate students/instructors/postdoctoral fellows chapter members pay only \$15 per year.)

- Print out a Chapter Membership Application and make copies for each of your chapter members.
- Ask each chapter member to fill out an application, including the Authors Coalition Survey on the backside.
- Mail at least 15 Chapter Membership Applications to TAA, PO Box 56359, St. Petersburg, FL 33732-6359, with payment. Make checks payable to "Text and Academic Authors Association." If you prefer to pay by credit card, call TAA headquarters at (727) 563-0020.

We will process your chapter memberships and each chapter member will receive a welcome e-mail containing their username and password for accessing the members areas of the website. They will also receive a Welcome Package by mail.

*Please note: While you can add new chapter members after your chapter has formed, all chapter members will have the same renewal date regardless of when they join within the year. We will send you a Chapter Membership Renewal Application 60 days before your chapter renewal date so that you can renew your chapter in one group for the low \$30 (or \$15) per chapter member renewal rate.*

## Chapter Benefits

- A Chapter website linked to the TAA website where you can post your meeting schedule, and documents you want to share with your chapter members.
- Ability to apply for a grant of up to \$500 to cover the cost of purchasing books, software or other resource materials, or bringing in a workshop or speaker for your chapter.
- If your chapter renews as a group of at least 15, all of those chapter members can renew at the \$30 rate (or \$15 for graduate students, instructors, or postdoctoral fellows).

## Chapter Member Benefits

Chapter members receive all the benefits of a TAA membership, including:

- A monthly print newsletter, *The Academic Author*, containing how-articles, columns, book reviews, industry and association news, and more.
- A monthly e-mail News Alert to keep members up to date in between print issues of *The Academic Author*.
- Access to members-only areas of the TAA website, which contains archives of how-to articles, podcasts, member discounts, and more.
- Ability to participate in free audio and web conferences and to listen to podcasts of past conferences.
- Ability to apply for a TAA Publication Grant of up to \$750 to cover the costs associated with publishing an academic book or journal article.