



**PARENT/GUARDIAN PERMISSION AND RELEASE OF LIABILITY FORM FOR
YOUTH PARTICIPANT**

Date: _____

I, _____, am the parent or legal guardian of the minor/youth/child named _____ . I hereby give my consent for my child, _____, to apply for membership in the Northwest Independent Writers Association (NIWA), a 501(c)(6) nonprofit organization.

INFORMATION ABOUT THE YOUTH PARTICIPANT

Name of Youth Participant: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone Number: _____ Email Address: _____

Birthdate: _____ Grade: _____

Age at Time of Participation: _____

NIWA MEMBERSHIP

A 501(c)(6) is an organization which promotes its members' business interests and goals. Specifically, NIWA strives to assist independent writers from the Pacific Northwest who are working to achieve professional standards in independent writing, publishing, and marketing.

To this end NIWA:

- Maintains a website containing a page for each author and their work, an online bookstore, and educational material on various aspects of writing, publishing, and selling books.
- Hosts a presence on various social media platforms (e.g. Facebook, Instagram, X)
- Offers the NIWA Seal of quality (NSQ), a book review and award program.
- May provide book bundling and other shared opportunities with other members.



- Publishes a yearly themed anthology of short stories by members.
- Provides access to an events calendar, where authors may sign up to participate as volunteer staff and/or purchase table space to display and potentially sell their books at various local events, celebrations, and venues. (e.g., Science Fiction Conventions, Farmers’ Markets, Home and Garden shows, Arts Festivals, Geek Fest, Pride, Robin Hood Festival, UFO Festival, Bookstores)

As a minor member, I understand that my child will have access to all the above except in the case of events. Minor members are welcome to attend physical events they have signed up for, and to have their books on the table, but they cannot volunteer for the event or staff the table on behalf of NIWA. If present at the event, I understand that the minor member must be accompanied by a parent or guardian at the event.

I understand that as part of the minor membership, _____, may participate in the NIWA social forums that may be hosted over the internet, e.g., social media sites. I further understand that while NIWA’s social forums are moderated, discussions can range across various topics of interest to writers in genres including, science fiction, fantasy, horror, romance, murder, crime, LGBTQ, religion, and politics.

In addition, I understand that, if my child’s personal information (name, school or image), photograph, video, comments and/or voice recording is published on the internet or on social media sites, it will be accessible to the users of those platforms.

By signature, with full knowledge of the facts and circumstances surrounding the minor’s membership in NIWA, I acknowledge my child’s participation in NIWA may expose him/her to actions, events, and environments that may be hazardous to his/her person and/or property. I acknowledge that I am solely responsible for any action that my child may participate in associated with NIWA.

I acknowledge that I have read and understood the above. I hereby release the Northwest Independent Writers Association, its staff, volunteers, and affiliates from any and all liability arising from my child's participation in NIWA activities and membership.

It is my express intent that this Parent/Guardian Permission and Release of Liability Form for Youth Participant shall bind my spouse, the members of my family and my estate, heirs, administrators, personal representatives and assigns.

I further understand and agree that this is a release of liability and indemnity agreement, and it is intended to be as broad and inclusive as permitted by law. If any portion hereof is held invalid, it is agreed that the balance shall, notwithstanding, continue in full force and legal effect.

I understand that this consent form is valid for the duration of my child's membership in the Northwest Independent Writers Association.

Name of Parent/Guardian (Print): _____

Signature of Parent/Guardian: _____

DATE: _____