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The Comic-Con and WonderCon Anaheim professional application may be submitted by email or certified mail only. No faxed applications will be accepted. Please read this entire PDF carefully for instructions on how to submit your professional application.

NEW FOR COMIC-CON AND WONDERCON ANAHEIM 2019

We have updated the requirements and categories for professional badge registration. There is no longer a trade professional category. Please review page 2 for new information regarding qualifications for professionals.

STEP ONE: DETERMINE YOUR VERIFICATION STATUS

All professional applicants fall into one of two categories: first-time applicants or returning professionals. To determine your category, log in to your Comic-Con Member ID account at https://secure2.comic-con.org/memberid/

• If you are a returning professional, click on the “Professionals” tab to check your current verification status.
• If you are a first-time professional applicant, the “Professionals” tab will not be displayed until you apply and are approved as a professional.

STEP TWO: INSTRUCTIONS TO APPLY

RETURNING PROFESSIONALS VERIFICATION “NOT DUE”

If your current verification status is NOT DUE, or if you are a Gold Card holder, Inkpot winner, or Eisner winner, you do not need to provide an application or verification materials and there is no action required from you during the application period. You will be notified via email when online badge registration opens.

RETURNING PROFESSIONALS VERIFICATION “DUE”

Comic-Con and WonderCon Anaheim require that all professionals submit verification materials every three years. If your current professional verification status is DUE, please read “Important Information for all Professional Applicants” on page 4, and then complete the “Comic-Con and WonderCon Anaheim Application for Professionals” on page 5. Your application and verification materials must be postmarked or emailed by January 16, 2019. Applications sent after the deadline will not be considered for WonderCon Anaheim 2019 and will only be considered for 2020.
FIRST-TIME PROFESSIONAL APPLICANTS
If you have never attended Comic-Con or WonderCon Anaheim as a professional, or if you have attended under another category but are now working as a professional, you are a first-time applicant. If you do not currently have a Comic-Con Member ID, please register at https://secure2.comic-con.org/memberid/

Before you apply as a professional, please read the professional qualifications below, and “Important Information for all Professional Applicants” on page 4. Once you have confirmed that you meet the required qualifications, complete the “Comic-Con and WonderCon Anaheim Application for Professionals” on page 5. Your application and verification materials must be postmarked or emailed by January 16, 2019. For information on verification material requirements, please see page 3.

Once you have submitted your application and verification materials please allow 3 – 4 weeks for processing and review. Application review will not begin until late 2018. You will be notified via email if you are approved or declined. If you do not receive a response from professional registration after 4 weeks, please contact proreg@comic-con.org (NOTE: this email address is for inquiries only. Applications should be submitted to pro_applications@comic-con.org).

Important Comic-Con Member ID Information
• Anyone wishing to apply as a professional for Comic-Con or WonderCon Anaheim must have a valid and confirmed Comic-Con Member ID.
• No applications will be accepted without a Comic-Con Member ID.
• For more information please visit: https://www.comic-con.org/cci/comic-con-member-id

NEW INFORMATION FOR COMIC-CON AND WONDERCON ANAHEIM 2019
PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS

Comic-Con and WonderCon Anaheim is pleased to provide complimentary badges to professionals who are active in the creation of comic books, graphic novels, digital/webcomics, comic strips and animation, as well as genre-related illustrators and science fiction/fantasy authors and book editors. This includes such roles as writer, artist, penciller, inker, colorist, letterer and animator. Qualifying work must be provided to indicate a professional’s involvement in these projects.

Due to the ever-increasing popularity of the industry, we cannot guarantee badges to those who fall outside of the categories listed above. However, all other professionals and executives who are employed in entertainment & popular culture fields, such as film, television, toy & apparel design, and other related industries are welcome to apply, and we will consider each application on an individual basis. Not all professionals in these industries can be accommodated, and access to badges and guest badges may be limited.

As part of our commitment as an educational non-profit organization, Comic-Con and WonderCon Anaheim welcomes educators and librarians to attend as professionals. The application process is as outlined above in Step 2, but rather than submit verification materials as noted on page 3, please submit a copy of your employment identification card or pay stub that indicates your role in these fields.
VERIFICATION MATERIALS REQUIREMENTS

Verification materials can include credited or uncredited work. If work is uncredited, both proof of employment and job title must be provided. Please read the guidelines below:

FOR CREDITED WORK

If your work appears with credits, please circle where your name is credited and mark the page clearly so we can easily locate your credits. **Do not send a URL or link:** print out the webpage and circle your name. You can submit an original or a photocopy of the credits page, a sample of the work, a screen capture, photocopies of SAG, Writers Guild, or Directors Guild cards, end credits of a game, freelance contracts, membership in the National Cartoonists Society or CAPS, or a printed-out webpage such as IMDb, MobyGames, etc. that clearly displays your name and title as an artist. Photocopies must be readable or your application will not be reviewed.

FOR UNCREDITED WORK

Please submit two forms of verification that show your qualifying job title, position, type of work, and the company you work for. These may include a business card and employee badge, a printout of your company webpage listing you as a principal or executive of the company, or a letter from the company stating your name and your job title. Please note that a pay stub or employee badge alone is not sufficient verification unless the job title is listed on the document. Freelance artists may submit a letter (on company letterhead) from a company stating that the artist has completed freelance artwork for them that is not credited.

**IMPORTANT:** You **MUST** include at least one recent project (completed within the last three years) with your verification materials unless you are applying as an educator or librarian. Rather than submit verification materials, educators and librarians may submit a copy of their employment identification card or pay stub indicating their role in these fields.

WONDERCON ANAHEIM PROFESSIONAL TERMS & CONDITIONS

The only way to apply for a professional badge is to submit a “WonderCon Anaheim 2019 Application for Professionals,” and verification materials and be approved by Comic-Con International before the deadline date. Professionals must provide verification materials demonstrating their continued qualifying work in the industry every three years.

Professional verification and approval is ultimately at the discretion of Comic-Con International.

Comic-Con International (CCI) / WonderCon Anaheim (WCA) strongly recommends that you email your professional application and verification materials. Should you choose to mail in your application and verification materials, we suggest that you send them via FedEx, UPS, USPS certified mail, or any service that provides a delivery receipt. CCI/WCA is not responsible for lost applications and/or materials that were sent without tracking or delivery confirmation.

A WonderCon Anaheim professional badge is good for entry to all of the events held at WonderCon Anaheim (space permitting). The WonderCon Anaheim professional badge, however, does not allow for early entry into the Exhibit Hall, programming rooms, events, or guaranteed seating. Please keep in mind that professional registration is a courtesy and your WonderCon Anaheim professional badge is non-transferable. You may not transfer or sell your WonderCon Anaheim professional badge. A professional badge has no monetary value and you are not entitled to a refund of any amount for your complimentary professional badge. Duplicate badges of any type are not allowed. Lost or undelivered badges may be replaced onsite in the Professional Registration Area.

**As always, the issuance of a professional badge is at the sole discretion of Comic-Con International/WonderCon Anaheim.**
IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR ALL PROFESSIONAL APPLICANTS

When filling out the “Comic-Con and WonderCon Anaheim Application for Professionals,” please keep the following in mind:

• When listing projects on the application, please list any comics or animation-related projects first. Comics and animated projects receive priority when considering your professional application.
• Please fill out your application so that it is clear and easy to read. If it is not legible, we may not be able to process your application.
• Comic-Con works with a wide variety of people in different industries. Job titles do not always mean the same thing from one industry to another. If your title is broad in scope (e.g. producer, designer), please include a brief job description.
• If your verification materials include a long list of names, please highlight your name clearly within the list.
• Make sure to include your Comic-Con Member ID.
• Include sufficient verification materials. It is better to send too much than too little. Be certain that the materials include your name, and if necessary, explain your involvement in the project.
• If you submit an application after the January 16, 2019 deadline, it will only be considered for our 2020 shows. If approved, you will be eligible to attend WonderCon Anaheim and Comic-Con 2020.

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If you have any additional questions, please visit the Professionals website at www.comic-con.org/professionals or the Professionals FAQ at www.comic-con.org/professional-faq
Please note: SEND APPLICATIONS BY EMAIL or CERTIFIED MAIL ONLY. NO FAXED APPLICATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED.

DEADLINE FOR WONDERCON ANAHEIM 2019: JANUARY 16, 2019

You must include VERIFICATION MATERIALS with this application to be considered for a professional badge.

Email applications to: pro_applications@comic-con.org
OR mail in applications via CERTIFIED MAIL to:
Comic-Con • Attn: Professional Registration • P.O. Box 128458 • San Diego, CA • 92112-8458

PLEASE NOTE: Failure to complete and meet all the requirements of this application may disqualify you from professional registration.

I am applying to attend: (if application period is still open, you may apply to attend both shows):

☐ WONDERCON ANAHEIM 2019

Last Name: ____________________________________________ First Name: ____________________________

Comic-Con Member ID: (Required) ____________________________

Mailing Address: ____________________________________________

City: ____________________________ State: ____________________________

Country: ____________________________ Postal Code: ____________________________

Title: ____________________________________________

(QUALIFYING JOB TITLE, POSITION, OR TYPE OF WORK)

Email: ____________________________________________

Webpage URL: ____________________________________________

(PLEASE NOTE: REQUIRED IF YOU WORK IN THE INTERNET INDUSTRY)

Home Phone: ____________________________ Work Phone: ____________________________

INSTRUCTIONS: Enter three professional projects you have worked on, starting with the most recent. You must include verification materials that support at least one project (see page 2).

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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

(Please put an X in the appropriate box)

This is my first year applying as a professional. Yes [ ] No [ ]

I have attached my verification materials.

(This application alone does not verify you) Yes [ ] No [ ]

By submitting this form, you grant Comic-Con and WonderCon Anaheim permission to use your name in advertising. If you do NOT wish to have your name used in advertising, please put an X in this box.

PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS

(Please put an X next to the area that best describes your position.)

MY JOB:

☑ ARTIST
☑ DESIGNER
☑ EDITOR
☑ EXECUTIVE (PLEASE SPECIFY)
☐ INKER/COLOR/LETTERER
☐ WRITER
☐ OTHER:

MY FIELD OR INDUSTRY:

☐ ANIMATION
☐ COMICS
☐ EDUCATION/LIBRARIES
☐ FILM/TV
☐ GAMING
☐ ILLUSTRATION
☐ INTERNET
☐ SCIENCE FICTION/FANTASY
☐ OTHER: ____________________________