

# 218 ARTIST COOPERATIVE MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION | 2018

## MISSION & OVERVIEW

The mission of 218 Cooperative is to enhance the professional development among artists and support a vibrant arts community. We are a Texas Cooperative business located in San Marcos Texas, owned and operated by its members. We operate a contemporary retail art gallery to provide income in support of its artists and to integrate art into the lives of the people in our community.

### Suggested Exploration:

- Visit the gallery during open hours or open events, such as Third Thursday Downtown Walkabout. Speak with the Member/s staffing the gallery. Pick up an Application to become a Trial Member.
- Visit our website at [218coopgallery.com](http://218coopgallery.com) and peruse the work of our current and past Members.
- Check us out and friend us on Facebook: [facebook.com/218CoopGallery](https://facebook.com/218CoopGallery)
- Follow us on Instagram: [instagram.com/218coopgallery](https://instagram.com/218coopgallery)

### Membership Selection:

Artists are selected based on the needs of the Gallery. The personality and skills of the artist contribute to the operation and harmony of the organization. If there are no vacancies, your application may be kept in the Gallery's files for future consideration.

### Becoming a Member:

1. **Submit an Application** - Obtain an Application for Membership online or at the gallery. Return application to the gallery in person during business hours.
2. **Application Review** - The Application Review process involves all cooperative members. You will be contacted about next steps. An interview may be part of the review process.
3. **Trial Period** - If you are selected to become a Trial Member, be prepared to pay a nonrefundable fee and begin your trial period. The trial period is meant for you to "try out the co-op experience" as well as for the co-op to "try you out." During the trial period you will not have voting rights but will join a team, work a minimum of 8 hours per month gallery sitting, attend meetings, and show work in the gallery.
4. **Opting out** - If you decide it's not working out for you before your trial period ends, we ask that you tell a member. We'll set up a time to help you have a smooth exit and learn from you things we might improve in the future.
5. **The Vote** - Once your trial period had ended, and assuming you would like to be a member, all members will vote on accepting you into the cooperative. You'll receive a formal email stating your membership status, and if not accepted, an opportunity to ask questions and/or provide feedback.

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## LEVELS OF PARTICIPATION

PARTICIPATION LEVEL	OWNER MEMBER	TRIAL MEMBER
Tenure	Renews Annually	3 Month Trial
Member of Board of Directors	Yes (at least 5 and up to 7 Members)	No
Voting Rights	Yes	No
Attend Meetings	Yes	Yes
Membership Share	Yes - \$50	No
Dues & Fees	Monthly Dues \$150	Membership Fee - \$150
Sales split/Commission (Gallery/Artist)	15% / 85%	15% / 85%
Profit Sharing	Yes	No
Gallery shift coverage	Yes, 8 hours a month	Yes, 8 hours a month
Team Member	Yes	Yes
Event attendance	Yes	Yes

Thank you for reading through this and we hope you found it helpful. Please feel free to contact us at [contact@218coopgallery.com](mailto:contact@218coopgallery.com) with any questions you might have about the Co-op or this application process.

Cheers and make art!

218 Cooperative Members

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Are you interested in participating in the 218 Co-op Gallery? If so, we encourage you to learn more about our organization and submit an application.

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NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_ CITY/STATE/ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_ PERSONAL WEBSITE: \_\_\_\_\_

INSTAGRAM: \_\_\_\_\_ FACEBOOK: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDITIONAL SOCIAL MEDIA: \_\_\_\_\_

RECOMMENDED BY: \_\_\_\_\_

**Return the following information with your application to 218 Co-op Gallery:**

- Completed application packet with photos of your work on CD, DVD or Memory Stick.
- 10-20 images of artwork that is representative of the work you wish to show at the gallery.
  - Format your images as JPEG (no larger than 5MB each)
- Description of your artistic work, including medium(s), style, content, size, display needs, and price range.
- A statement on why you want to participate in our cooperative and what you hope to bring to and gain from the experience? (include skills and areas of expertise useful to running a gallery. For example, event planning, display, show hanging, graphic design, social media marketing, etc.)
- Name of the 218 Co-op Gallery member or local artist who recommends you, if applicable.