The goals of EFA's programs and services have always been to address the evolving needs of all members, to raise their professional status, and to make freelancing more dynamic and rewarding. **Take advantage of the EFA community and member resources to hone your skills, explore a new field, and build a sustainable business!**

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**The EFA Education Program**

Whether you're looking to learn about the business of freelancing and publishing; to sharpen your expertise in writing, editing, and proofreading; or to develop new skills in marketing, pricing and negotiation, contracts, and more, the EFA has **courses and webinars** for you!

All EFA classes are developed and taught by editorial freelance professionals, for editorial freelance professionals, so you get specialized information targeted for your needs as an editorial freelancer.

**Members get 20 percent off of tuition, as well as select webinar recordings completely free of charge** (including a series of webinars focused on how to navigate these uncertain and uniquely stressful times):

- Creative Ways to Find and Generate Income during Troubled Times
- Preserving Mental Health in Times of Crisis
- Setting up Your Freelance Editorial Business: First Steps
- Digital Marketing Primer
- Demystifying Macros: A Beginner’s Guide
- Trans Allyship for Writers and Editors
- Sensitivity Reads

... and more!
"Content exceeded my expectations. The range of subjects from basic definitions to examples of how the instructor interacts with her clients in real life were invaluable."

"Taking [this] course has boosted my confidence in my existing skills and given me the direction I needed to explore more challenging skills. Thank you for the tailored course offering!"

More Resources

☑ Join your local chapter!
The EFA has approximately 3,000 members and 27 chapters all over the country! Join your local chapter to network with fellow editorial freelancers and develop professionally. Chapter events* are open to all members and their guests.
Join the members-only Discussion List (DL), where you'll find colleagues eager to answer questions and share ideas about editing and the freelance lifestyle. The Discussion List committee created a number of videos to help members navigate the DL, which you can view on our YouTube channel.

Freelance Fridays on Twitter (@EFAFreelancers) are a chance to exchange tips with colleagues on the topic of the month. Recent chats have discussed starting an editorial business, working for nonprofits, and working with very new authors.

Check out specialized EFA booklets on topics of interest to editorial freelancers. Booklets published before 2019 are on our Lulu.com storefront. Our newest booklets, along with other great books of interest to editorial freelance professionals, are available for purchase at the EFA bookstore on aer.io. Also, read the Freelancer newsletter, written by freelancers who have been there and can help you navigate the waters and stay informed about the industry. Learn more about the EFA's history and other resources on our YouTube channel.
EFA members also receive discounts to conferences, courses, and professional resources offered by affiliates. To check out the latest offers and claim your discount, log in to the-efa.org, then click on Benefits Links and Passcodes in the Member Area of the website.

*As the U.S. begins a return to in-person events this year, the EFA defers to local public health guidelines regarding the coronavirus (COVID-19) and the discretion of local coordinators in deciding to resume in-person meetings and events. Check the Events calendar or contact your local chapter for the most up-to-date information.

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Next week: Use your EFA membership to help build your client base and keep the checks coming in!

Access all your member benefits and resources.