Membership Form

***The Organization***

Founded in 1981, the Langston Hughes Society (LHS) was the first scholarly association named in honor of an African-American writer. The LHS is a national association of scholars, teachers, creative and performing artists, students, and lay persons who seek to increase the awareness and appreciation of Langston Hughes, the first African American to make a living solely by his pen.

***Current Officers***

President: Dr. Wallis Baxter, III ([lhsociety.president@gmail.com](mailto:lhsociety.president@gmail.com))

Vice-President: Vacant; nominations are currently being accepted

Secretary: Dr. Christopher Varlack ([lhsociety.secretary@gmail.com](mailto:lhsociety.secretary@gmail.com))

Treasurer: Ms. Barbra Chin ([lhsociety.treasurer@gmail.com](mailto:lhsociety.treasurer@gmail.com))

Immediate Past President: Dr. Tara T. Green ([lhsocietypresidentgreen@gmail.com](mailto:lhsocietypresidentgreen@gmail.com))

***What Your Dues Support***

At the College Language Association Convention, the LHS organizes its annual luncheon, which features a selected writer or performer of the twenty-first century who has come to represent the love of language and culture that Hughes so deeply embodied. In the past, renowned speakers have included Richard Bruce Nugent (1982), Gwendolyn Brooks (2000), Sonia Sanchez (2003), and Everett Hoagland (2015). Dues, in part, help to cover the speaker fees for this event. Support from our members also helps to sustain the *Langston Hughes Review,* under new editorship. The *LHR* is an important pillar of the Langston Hughes Society, continuing the tradition of promoting stellar scholarship on Hughes and his contemporaries while preserving the memories of Hughes as a central figure in African-American and American culture at large. As the LHS continues to expand in pursuit of its mission, members will be kept abreast of the various projects that their dues support via E-mail or postal mail.

***Membership Benefits***

The Langston Hughes Society affords its members a number of benefits for continued support of its efforts. 1) Each member will receive a complimentary copy of the highly celebrated *Langston Hughes Review* once it has resumed publication as well as the opportunity to submit their own scholarship for consideration with the journal. 2) Members will be eligible to serve as an officer of the LHS and to vote for future officers as opportunities are made available. 3) Members will have the opportunity to share their scholarship at one of several panels that the LHS organizes annually at MLA, CLA, SAMLA, and now the ALA. 4) In honor of Langston Hughes and the fiftieth anniversary of his passing, members will also receive a commemorative lapel pin with their membership dues.

***Membership Options***

The Langston Hughes Society affords a number of membership options for consideration. For those who elect to complete this paper application (submission via postal mail), select the option that best suits your needs by placing a check on the appropriate line. Please note that, except for life members, the membership term will run from January to the end of December. Dues are not refundable.

***Regular Membership***

Individual Membership: $45.00 annually

Joint Membership: $50.00 annually

Life Membership: $500.00 payable in four installments

***Student Membership***

Graduate Student Membership: $30.00 annually

Undergraduate Student Membership: $20.00 annually

***Member Contact Information***

Please complete the following information to maintain an up-to-date membership record. It is important that we have both electronic contact information as well as a physical address, as the Langston Hughes Society will send mailings periodically throughout the year.

First Name Last Name

E-mail Address Telephone Number

Street Address

City State Zip Code

Institutional Affiliation

Rank Fields of Interest

Other Organizational Affiliations

Members are encouraged to complete the electronic application form available at the Langston Hughes Society website: [www.LangstonHughesSociety.org](http://www.LangstonHughesSociety.org). However, for members submitting this application via postal mail, please send the completed application form as well a check with the corresponding dues to:

The Langston Hughes Society

P.O. Box 42343

Washington, D.C. 20015

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***LHS Committee Service Opportunities***

As the Langston Hughes Society continues to expand, the Executive Committee welcomes active member participation on its various committees. Please place a check on the corresponding lines to indicate interest in being considered for service on any of the following LHS committees. You will be contacted by the LHS Secretary should your service be required. Note that service will be required for one year with the opportunity for renewal if interested in additional service.

Program Committee: Their purpose will be to plan and coordinate any conferences, the luncheon program, and panel presentations to be sponsored by the Society.

Committee on Nominations: They shall nominate a slate of officers to be recommended for election by the Society and coordinate the mail ballot procedures when utilized.

The Membership Committee: They shall lead the recruitment of new members and the renewal of past members in order to sustain and grow the Society.