According to the Occupational Outlook Handbook, employment of writers and authors is projected to grow 8 percent from 2016 to 2026, about as fast as the average for all occupations. Online publications and services are growing in number and sophistication, spurring demand for writers and authors with Web and multimedia experience. Some experienced writers should find work in the public relations departments of corporations and nonprofit organizations. Self-employed or freelance writers and authors may find work with newspaper, magazine, or journal publishers, and some will write books.

Job Prospects

Writers and authors who have adapted to online and social media, and who are comfortable writing for and working with a variety of electronic and digital tools, should have an advantage in finding work. The declining costs of self-publishing and the growing popularity of electronic books will allow many freelance writers to have their work published.

 RELATED CAREER TITLES

The career paths listed below are only a sample of the opportunities one may consider. They have been taken from the Bureau of Labor’s Occupational Outlook Handbook and the O*Net Online. Some career paths may require additional education and training. To gain more understanding of the different career paths, take a look at Candid Career, where you can watch testimonials of people doing exactly what you might want to pursue.

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**JOB SEARCH ENGINE**

- Blogging Pro
- Journalismjobs.com
- Bookjobs.com

**RESEARCH RESOURCES**

- Learn.org
- Freelance Writing Jobs
- HARO
- Well-storied
- Life Hacker
- Writer’s Relief

**SALARY INFORMATION**

- Pay Scale
- Recruiter.com

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**WHAT YOU CAN DO NOW**

Join a professional writing club or association – See list below
Consider studying abroad. [Click here](#) to learn more.
Volunteer for WCSU’s Vita Program
Volunteer for [Junior Achievement](#) in your community
ASSOCIATIONS

Professional associations are a great way for college students, recent graduates, and career changers to enhance personal and professional development while being provided endless networking opportunities. Being a member of an association also offers chances to attend conferences, learn about latest industry trends, scholarships, internship opportunities, along with attitudes and competencies expected in the industries of interest. Many associations encourage students to participate and even offer drastically reduced membership rates. Being a member of an association could be the best thing you do for your career.

WRITERS ASSOCIATIONS: ORGANIZATIONS FOR WRITERS OF FICTION (NOVELS, STORIES, BOOKS)

American Christian Fiction Writers
Historical Novel Society
Novelists, Inc.
Mystery Writers of America
Romance Writers of America
Science Fiction and Fantasy Writers of America
Sisters in Crime
Western Writers of America
Women’s Fiction Writers Association
American Society of Journalists And Authors (ASJA)
Asian American Journalists Association
National Association of Memoir Writers
Native American Journalists Association
Nonfiction Authors Association
Poetry Society of America
Academy Of American Poets

WRITERS ASSOCIATIONS: GENERAL AND SPECIFIC INTERESTS

Association of Writers and Writing Programs
Authors Guild
The Catholic Writers Guild
Cat Writers Association
Dog Writers Association of America
Erotica Readers And Writers
Islamic Writers Alliance  The National Writers Union
International Association for Journal Writing
International Women’s Writing Guild
Military Writers Society of America  National Association of Independent Writers And Editors
Pacific Northwest Writers Association
PEN America Center
Professional Writers Association
Small Publishers, Artists, and Writers Network
Society of Children’s Book Writers and Illustrators
Women’s National Book Association  Writers Guild of America