

# Foundation

## THE SAN FRANCISCO WRITERS FOUNDATION

The San Francisco Writers Foundation is a division of the 501c3 nonprofit San Francisco Writers Conference that supports the written arts both regionally and nationwide. By supporting the San Francisco Writers Foundation, you are supporting creativity, community-building, and writers and authors everywhere, while simultaneously reaching a diverse and vibrant community.

In addition to our two premier events—the San Francisco Writers Conference and Writing for Change—the San Francisco Writers Foundation also solicits donations through our semi-annual charity auctions, direct donations, scholarships, and sponsorships ranging from small individual amounts to large corporate and foundation donations.

The San Francisco Writers Conference (“SFWC”) enjoys a rich literary culture. Over the course of four days in mid-February, over 500 attendees and renowned keynote authors, presenters, editors, and agents, attend SFWC, combining the best of both the traditional publishing industry with the latest technology to empower authors to publish anywhere. Situated just north of Silicon Valley, the SFWC is truly a one-of-a-kind celebration of craft, commerce, and community.

The Writing for Change conference is the only writing conference of its kind in the world that enlightens activists on how they can change the world through writing. This one day event in the fall is jam packed with inspiration and education about writing to change the world.

### SPONSORSHIPS

Sponsorships are sought from companies large and small in the publishing industry. Past sponsors have included: Author Accelerator, BookBaby, Book Expo, California Writers Club, Smashwords, John Wiley & Sons, Women’s National Book Association, Writers Digest, The Writer, and many others. Potential sponsors can [CLICK HERE](#) for more info.

## SCHOLARSHIPS

Every year generous donors create unique and desirable scholarships to our events given to deserving individuals ranging from high school students to adults. The scholarships have no fees and all have a simple submission process. All offer a full registration for the event. It's a wonderful way to remember a loved one or start a scholarship in your name with your own guidelines. Potential donors can [CLICK HERE](#) for more info.

## CHARITY AUCTIONS

Thanks to the generous donations from bestselling authors, top literary agents, Big 5 publishers, PR professionals, and myriad others, we are holding a series of online auctions throughout the year, in addition to those at our physical events. [CLICK HERE](#) to visit our charity.eBay portal, and you can get the latest info on what is available by following [@SFWC](#) on Twitter and by joining our email list using the form at the top of this page.

Past donations to the auction include:

- Manuscript evaluation by an acquisitions editor
  
- Lunch with a literary agent
  
- One-on-one career planning with an author coach
  
- Fight scene coaching with a professional battle choreographer
  
- Training with a social media consultant
  
- Book tour package with a PR company
  
- Writing retreat passes
  
- Query letter and book proposal critiques

- Bundles of books, gift cards, bottles of wine, even dinner at San Francisco's famous restaurants!

After a tremendous year of helping libraries by raising money for EveryLibrary, we're turning our efforts toward another group that fosters a strong literary community: independent booksellers. This year's co-beneficiary is [The Book Industry Charitable Foundation](#).

"A town isn't a town without a bookstore. It may call itself a town, but unless it's got a bookstore, it knows it's not foolin' a soul." — Neil Gaiman, *American Gods*

[BINC](#) is a 501c3 nonprofit that coordinates charitable programs to strengthen the bookselling community. Established in 1996, the core program provides assistance to bookstore employees who have a demonstrated financial need arising from severe hardship and/or emergency circumstances. Since its inception, [BINC](#) has provided more than \$6.5 million in financial assistance and scholarships to more than 7,300 families.

We have always been grateful to booksellers for what they do for our local communities, and given the recent rash of natural disasters and financial uncertainty, this was an easy decision for us. We're proud to help [BINC](#) help booksellers keep the dream alive. Look for auctions [online](#) as early as February 1st.

