

SSML Privacy Policy

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The Society for the Study of Midwestern Literature (SSML) respects your privacy. We will make every reasonable effort to ensure that any personal information you provide to us is used only for the purposes stated below. While the policy presented here concentrates on information collected by the SSML website, it also applies to personal information submitted by other means (mail, fax, phone, etc.).

Several areas of the SSML website request personal information:

- Membership application
- Annual Symposium registration
- Calls for Papers
- Annual Writing Awards Nominations
- Donations

SSML uses the professional information collected on membership, registration, and other forms for keeping track of members' status and for mailing publications that are a part of SSML membership.

In addition to the primary purpose stated or implied at the time the information is collected, we may use your postal mailing address or e-mail address to send you information about SSML symposiums or other events, newsletters, etc. We do not provide member data (i.e., e-mail address, phone number, mailing address, etc.) to anyone other than SSML members.

If you supply an e-mail address, we use it to confirm your donation, follow up on a request, etc., as the context determines. We may also use it to keep you informed about SSML events and publications. On occasion we may use your e-mail address for a purpose indirectly related to the original context (e.g., e-mailing a survey or sending out a call for submissions). SSML does not make its e-mail lists available to any third party.

SSML members

Because of the close relationship we seek to maintain among members, SSML may send periodic updates and announcements by e-mail. We may also make an occasional phone call (e.g., to clear up a problem or inquire about a lapsed membership).

Cookies

A "cookie" is a text file, stored on your computer, that includes information that identifies that computer and can be retrieved by our server to create a seamless browsing session. Most cookies used on the SSML site are deleted when your browser is shut down or in a fixed amount of time, whichever occurs sooner. Members-only pages and other restricted areas use this type of cookie.

For more information on cookies, visit this [US government site](#).

Material submitted online

Some areas of the SSML website allow you to express your opinions (i.e., the SSML Forum). All submissions become the property of SSML. Keep in mind that any information you post on any part of the SSML Forum is immediately available to anyone with a web browser. Don't give out more information than what you would like everyone in the world to know. You can, of course, edit or delete the messages you post there.

Links to other websites

The SSML website contains links to other websites. SSML is not responsible for the privacy practices or content of those sites. Check the privacy policy of a website before revealing any personal information.

Exceptions

In certain circumstances, and as an exception to this privacy policy, we may, without notice to you, release information to comply with any valid legal process such as a search warrant, subpoena, statute, or court order, or in other special cases, such as, for example, suspected fraudulent or criminal activity, or an attempt to breach the security of SSML or its website.

Privacy policy updates

We have tried to create a privacy policy that is comprehensive, readable, and durable. Despite our best efforts, we may find it necessary to revise it. Any changes will be made without prior notice. The current SSML privacy policy will continue to be posted at this address (www.ssml.org/privacy). If you have questions or comments about our privacy policy, please contact us.

Adapted from the National Council of Teachers of English Privacy Policy Statement.