

# Television Writers Settlement Fund Claim Form

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## **Supplemental Instructions for Settlement Class Member Estate Representatives and Beneficiaries**

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Beneficiaries and duly appointed representatives of estates of settlement class members who died after October 21, 1996, and whose claims of age discrimination survive death under applicable law, may be entitled to file a claim for compensation on behalf of the deceased writer.

If the decedent died before reaching 40 years of age, this settlement does not apply to the decedent and you cannot file a claim.

This supplemental instruction sheet was prepared to help you determine whether and how to submit a claim form.

1. Beneficiaries and duly appointed representatives of estates of settlement class members will need to establish their succession rights and/or power to represent the estate as part of the claim submission process. Please review the answer to FAQ 39 at [WWW.TVWritersCounsel.com](http://WWW.TVWritersCounsel.com) or [www.TVWritersSettlementAdmin.com](http://www.TVWritersSettlementAdmin.com) for more information regarding proving such matters. You may also contact Class Counsel at 1-877-518-7090 or [questions@TVWritersCounsel.com](mailto:questions@TVWritersCounsel.com) for more information. You may

need to consult or retain a private probate/estate attorney, at your own cost, to properly submit a claim.

2. Beneficiaries and duly appointed representatives, who wish to submit a claim and can prove their right to do so, will also need to fill out a claim form on behalf of the decedent by the deadline for claim submission. The claim form will require you to provide information regarding the decedent's writing career and/or aspirations to write for television. While beneficiaries and other duly appointed representatives are entitled to submit claim forms, and the Trustees of the Qualified Settlement Fund will make reasonable accommodations to permit the submission of such claims, beneficiaries and/or estate representatives ultimately have to prove, just like any other settlement class member, entitlement to participate in the settlement.

3. Please use the following additional commonsense guidelines/rules when filling out the claim form:

- a. Questions about past events or beliefs should be answered as if directed to the decedent. For example, if the claim form asks whether “you” were interested in writing for television during the class period, you should answer the question as you believe the decedent would have, based on your interactions with him or her or any other reasonably reliable information available to you (e.g., his or her diary/journal).
- b. Questions about the decedent’s employment, age or income should be answered up until his or her death.
- c. When you are asked for identification information, you should provide the decedent’s name and your name, contact

information, and the capacity in which you are submitting the claim (for example, heir, executor).

- d. The claim form requires execution of a verification of the information and facts set forth in the claim form. You must sign the verification in your own name. By doing so, you are declaring your belief that all of the information you have provided regarding the decedent is accurate to the best of your knowledge – either on the basis of your personal interactions with the decedent or other sources of reliable information.
- e. The claim form requires execution of a confidentiality agreement regarding the amount of any award that is issued. You must sign the agreement in your own name and will be bound by its terms.
- f. The claim form requires the execution of a tax indemnification agreement. You must sign the agreement in your own name and will be bound by its terms.
- g. The claim form requires the execution of an ADEA acknowledgement. You should sign this document on behalf of the estate – for example, Mary Jones (you), as executor, on behalf of the estate of Jack Jones (decedent).
- h. Some of the questions may require you to fill out the “Declaration in Support of Claim Form” attached to the back of the claim form. If you are required to do so, please fill out the declaration in your own name. By doing so, you are declaring your belief that all of the information you have provided in the declaration regarding the decedent or his or her past activities is accurate to the best of your knowledge

– either on the basis of your personal interactions with the decedent or other sources of reliable information.

4. If the decedent is entitled to an award, the award must be divided among his or her beneficiaries in accordance with applicable probate law. The logistics surrounding the distribution of such awards will be determined on a case by case basis.

If you have questions about eligibility or completing the claim form, you may consult Class Counsel at 1-877-518-7090 or email [questions@TVWritersCounsel.com](mailto:questions@TVWritersCounsel.com) for legal advice about the decedent's claim at no cost to you.

Your rights as a beneficiary or estate representative may vary by State. Questions regarding such rights, including your right to submit a claim on behalf of the decedent's estate, should be directed to a probate and/or estate attorney. Class Counsel has no expertise in such matters.