

# Prison Voices

**Prison Voices** is a service for inmates to help them to reconnect, and stay connected, with the outside world. By creating a personal profile page you can request penpals, and have a place to showcase your writings, poetry, short stories and drawings, or ask for legal help/donations. A personal profile will be created with the information you supply on the form, and you can use a separate sheet of paper to write a detailed biography of yourself. Remember also to include a photo of yourself to be displayed on your profile page. When you're finished, send everything to a friend or family member at home to create your profile for you. **Do NOT send this application directly to Prison Voices! This application can only be processed by a friend or family member with internet access.**

## **Your Bio & Photo:**

Your bio will be used to tell the world about yourself. My biggest suggestion here is to not waste words! Only include the important details, and don't re-include info that's already mentioned on the form. It's VERY important to also include a photo. Most people looking for pen-pals ONLY look for profiles with photos, and if yours is not included, your profile may never be viewed by others. If you know for a fact that the Department of Corrections in your state has your photo on their website, you can ask for that to be used. If you don't have a photo right now, one can always be included later.

## **Bronze Membership (Free):**

The Bronze Membership is identical to the memberships offered by other pen pal sites for \$40 a year. This is the membership that has been offered by Prison Voices for almost a year and has already had impressive results with many inmates. With the Bronze membership, you'll have your own profile with unlimited photos, and your mailing address, and visitors to the website will be able to find your profile based on your age, gender, location, etc. **Your ad will run until your maximum outdate (that you provide on the application).**

## **Silver Membership (\$20 or 50 Stamps - One-Time Payment - Make Checks Payable to Marvin A. Boling):**

The Silver Membership will give you all of the above, but your ad will also appear on the main page of Prison Voices, and a link to your profile will appear on other Bronze members' profiles. Your ad will also appear in the Featured Inmates section of the Prison Voices Fan Page on Facebook.com, which currently has 197,000 members, all looking for inmates to write to. Federal inmates: Visitors will also be able to email you directly via CorrLinks through your Profile Page. You must add inmates@prisonvoices.com to your account.

**If paying with stamps, they do not need to be whole books – they can be loose.**

## **Gold Membership (\$40 or 100 Stamps - One-Time Payment - Make Checks Payable to Marvin A. Boling):**

The Gold Membership will give you all of the above, and the Prison Voices staff will create and maintain for you your own Facebook page, which will have your photo, mailing address, and any writings/drawings you include. More writings/drawings can be added to your Facebook page later. Messages sent to your FB account will not be forwarded; instead visitors will be instructed to snail-mail you. Upon your release, the login information for your Facebook account can be given to you so that you can take it over. ☺ In addition to your own Facebook page, a message will be posted on the main page of the Prison Voices Fan Page on Facebook, which receives more visitors than the above-mentioned Featured Inmates section.

## **Make \$\$\$ Referring Others:**

**This is only available to those with Gold Memberships.** Gold members can earn 20% of the membership fees for people they refer to Prison Voices. The procedure for this is incredibly simple. When you sign up for a Gold Membership and your account is created, you'll receive a PVID number. All you need to do is make sure your PVID number is written at the top of the applications you pass out to others. You can either write to Prison Voices to request additional copies of the application or make copies of the application yourself, always making sure your PVID number is at the top. Those who have Gold Memberships will have received color printouts of their PV and Facebook profiles. This will be their ultimate selling tool! Simply showing these color printouts to other inmates will be more likely to entice them to sign up. Referral balances will be paid out once the balance reaches \$20, by check/money order sent to your state's DOC Inmate Lockbox (or Des Moines, IA for federal inmates). You can always write at any time to find out how many referrals you've sent our way.

Thank you very much for reading all of this, and I wish you the best of luck in finishing your sentence and making it out of that place in one piece. ☺

## Prison Voices Application Form

To whomever received this application from an inmate: To create the inmate's profile online, please visit <http://www.PrisonVoices.com/new.php> to complete the process.

Remember: Fields in **bold** are required; all else are optional.

### Desired nickname:

(Be creative! Most common nicknames are already taken.  
The URL to your Prison Voices profile page will  
be [http://www.prisonvoices.com/profile.php/\[nickname\]](http://www.prisonvoices.com/profile.php/[nickname]) – Letters and numbers only!)

First & Last Name:

**Birth Date** (YYYY/MM/DD):

**Maximum Out Date:** (Year & Month):

(Or specify Life Sentence / Death Row)

This is the date your profile will automatically be removed. Profiles for Death Row inmates will never be removed.

**Gender:**

Willing to write  
overseas?  Yes

Hometown:

(Where you're originally from, not where you're at now – it's used so that old friends/family can find you)

**Preference** (circle one):

Straight Bisexual Gay

This applies to YOU, not who you're looking for.

Crime Committed:

(This is optional, but if it's not provided, visitors to your page will be advised to look it up on the Dept. of Corrections website.)

**Seeking mail from** (circle one):

Men Women Both Men & Women

Religion (circle one)

Christian Catholic Muslim  
Judaist Buddhist Sikh  
Spirituality Asatru Other

Ethnicity (circle one):

Caucasian African-American  
Asian Hispanic/Latino  
Italian Native Indian  
Other Middle-Eastern

Marital Status (circle one):

Single Divorced  
Married In a Relationship  
Widowed It's Complicated

**What do you want to use Prison Voices for?**

(check all that apply)

- Penpals as Friends  Penpals for Dating  
 Penpals for Social  To post writings  
Networking and/or poetry  
 Legal Help  Donations

**Mailing Address:**

(Your **FULL** address, including name and inmate number)

**Requested Membership Type:**

- Bronze** (Free)  **Silver** (\$20 or 50 Stamps)  **Gold** (\$40 or 100 stamps)  
 Payment is Included with Application  Payment will be sent soon separately.

**Note: Checks must be made payable to Marvin A. Boling - Profiles will not be created until payment is received.**

**Your Bio:**