Dear ORGANISATION,

I was interested in applying to (work for/enter competitions/apply for grants, etc.), as I admire the work you do. But I see from your reply/site that you do not accept self-published authors. May I ask why that is?

As I'm sure you are aware, self-publishing has been growing over the past decade and is now a serious option to be considered as part of a successful writing career. I enclose some interesting recent facts and figures from the Alliance of Independent Authors (ALLi), of which I am a member, relating to self-publishing. ALLi is always happy to hear from organisations who would like to access support and advice on successfully opening up to indie authors. You can contact Melissa Addey at [outia@allianceindependentauthors.org](mailto:outia@allianceindependentauthors.org) or visit [www.AllianceIndependentAuthors.org](http://www.AllianceIndependentAuthors.org)

You might also like to know that many high quality writing-related organisations now welcome self-published authors. These include awards such as the Pulitzer Prize, Commonwealth Book Prize and the British Book Awards and author associations such as the Crime Writers’ Association, The Authors Guild, Romance Writers of Australia, Science Fiction and Fantasy Writers of America, International Thriller Writers and the Romantic Novelists' Association. The acclaimed residential UK writing school Arvon, now in its sixth decade, is open to self-published authors being teachers on their courses.

My own personal track record includes: give relevant examples such as

* + - 1. *Number of books*
      2. *Significant awards*
      3. *Qualifications*
      4. *Teaching at known institutions*
      5. *Other relevant achievements*

I give my own track record as an example not to particularly suggest that I should be considered, but to further question the assumption that a self-published author would have nothing to offer.

I hope your organisation will take the time to reconsider this policy and I look forward to hearing from you.

Kind regards,

Name

Contact details