Minnesota state law requires the League of Minnesota Poets and its chapters to collect written evidence that a person, who sells books at any League organized events, has a valid Minnesota Tax ID number. If you wish to sell books at League and chapter events, you must provide, as written evidence, an ST-19 form, which you can get here: <https://www.revenue.state.mn.us/sites/default/files/2011-11/st19.pdf>

There are only two exemptions for not providing an ST-19:

1. If you are reading at a bookstore or other type of business that is handling the sale of your books and collecting the sales tax, then you will not need to provide an ST-19 form.
2. If you are an individual (not a business) who sells books at only one event per calendar year and you sell less than $500, and you provide a written statement to that effect, then you will not need to provide an ST-19. The statement must include the seller’s name, address and telephone number.

To complete the ST-19 form, you will need a Minnesota Tax ID number. You may apply for a Minnesota Tax ID number with the Minnesota Department of Revenue online at [Business Registration](https://www.mndor.state.mn.us/tp/eservices/_/), or by phone at 651-282-5225 or 800-657-3605. Steps for online registration:

1. At the Business Registration landing page online, scroll down and click on the link that says: “Get a Minnesota Tax ID Number” in the first box on the left.
2. To complete your application for your MN Tax ID number, you’ll need your FEIN or Social Security number and your North American Industry Classification System code (NAICS). The NAICS code for Independent writers, artists and performers is 711510.. So if you’re using the 711510 NAICS code, you can just click “Next” at the bottom of the page.
3. If you are an individual, then you would choose sole proprietor as your business type. Then click “Next.”
4. Then just follow the prompts to fill out and submit the forms. If you have any questions, you can call 651-282-5225 or 800-657-3605.
5. After you submit the form, an email containing your Minnesota Tax ID number is automatically generated and sent to you.

The League wants to help you sell your books, and we appreciate your cooperation in helping us to uphold Minnesota State Law.