

Windscrip Submission Guidelines

Submission deadline for the next issue is December 10, 2026

Please note that as in all writing competitions, these guidelines are important and **must be followed** in order for a submission to be accepted.

Writers selected for publication **will go through an editing process with the editor(s)** and will receive payment at the standard SWG rates, as well as 2 complimentary copies of *Windscrip*.

The editing process consists of revising the content, organization, grammar, and presentation of a piece of writing to enhance the writer's voice. Students should submit their best work but **be prepared to work collaboratively on edits with the editor(s) to take their work to the next level**. For example, the editor(s) may ask you to expand a scene or may suggest word choice changes. Students' should consider the editor(s) suggestions respectfully and with an open mind and understand that they can advocate for their writing with the editor(s) – this is what we mean by “work collaboratively”. Work selected for publication is always chosen for its potential and not its perfection. Editor(s) will communicate with students by email; timely and attentive communication is crucial to the process so students should check their email often.

Writers selected for publication will sign a publishing contract that gives **Canadian first serial rights (FCS)** to the Saskatchewan Writers' Guild (SWG) for their work. This means the SWG will have the right to publish the piece first in Canadian markets. After this first publication in Canada, the writer is welcome to publish in other mediums or include the work in a book. The writer still holds first rights for International markets.

Criteria:

Those submitting must be:

- Saskatchewan-based high school students. Students can submit creative writing in any and all forms including poetry and prose (fiction and creative nonfiction).
- Students do not have to be members of the SWG.

Submissions must be:

- You must submit your best work, and submissions must be made with integrity. Writers must take accountability for their work. All work must be original and human-generated from start to finish.
 - We do not accept submissions of any kind that were written, developed, or assisted by AI tools such as ChatGPT. Any attempt to submit AI-aided work may result in being banned from submitting to *Windscrip*.
 - Submissions that are proven to be plagiarised will not be accepted and the submitter will be banned from submitting to *Windscrip*.

Plagiarism, whether from the web, from other students, or from published sources (digital or print) is a serious writing offense. Plagiarism is the presentation of words or thoughts of someone else as if they were your own – exceptions are proverbial sayings or common knowledge. Avoid charges of plagiarizing by acknowledging your sources in the submission and be sure that all words and phrases from the source are in quotation marks.

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- You must proofread your manuscript before submission.
- You may submit up to four poems and two prose pieces (which do not exceed 1500 words each).
- You can submit in both prose and poetry, but contributors will only be published in one genre.
- *Windscript* does not accept pieces with multiple authors or images.
- *Windscript* does not accept work that has been previously published. Published means that the work has been made available to the public in some way, including in physical form (like books or newspapers) or electronic forms (like websites or social media.)

Guidelines:

Always keep a copy of your submitted work. Submissions will not be returned.

Please email the following as attachments to windscriptmagazine@gmail.com with *Windscript Submission* in the subject line:

- 1) Download and complete the Windscript Cover Letter Form [from our website](#) and attach it to your email along with your poetry and/or prose pieces. Fill it out completely or your submission will not be accepted.
 - Your Windscript Cover Letter Form can be emailed to us in the following formats: PDF, Word doc, or docx formats. Please do not submit links (like from Google Docs) to your Windscript Cover Letter Form. For security reasons, links will not be clicked on.
 - Your Windscript Cover Letter Form should be named “First Name Last Name – cover letter”.
- 2) Each submission properly formatted:
 - Do not put more than one poem or prose piece on a page. Each piece of writing should be its own document. Your file names must be as follows: Windscript_title_genre (example: Windscript_The Raven_Poetry).
 - Type each piece in 12 pt. plain text font (such as Times New Roman, Arial, or Courier), and prose must be double spaced.
 - Number each page.
 - Put the title on each submission and each page of the manuscript.
 - Submit documents in .doc or .docx formats. Please do not submit PDFs or Pages files or links (like from Google Docs) to your work. Download each file and attach it to the email. For security reasons, links will not be clicked on.

Questions? Email swgevents@skwriter.com

For the most up-to-date submission guidelines, please visit <https://skwriter.com/programs-and-services/publications/windscript>