

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 *Windscript*.

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 and **be prepared to work collaboratively 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. Editor(s) will communicate with students by email; timely and attentive communication is crucial to the process so students should check their email often.

## 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:

• All work must be original from start to finish. Submissions that are proven to be plagiarised will not be accepted and the submitter will be banned from submitting to *Windscript*.

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.

- Writers must submit their own work directly submissions cannot be made by a third party (such as a parent or teacher).
- You must proofread your manuscript before submission
- You may submit up to six poems and two prose pieces (which do not exceed 1500 words each)
- *Windscript* does not accept pieces with multiple authors or images.



## **Guidelines:**

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

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

- 1) A cover letter that includes:
  - Your name, phone number, email address, and mailing address (PO Box/land location OR your house number and street name + the city/town name and postal code)
  - The genre of writing you are submitting (fiction, poetry, nonfiction)
  - The title(s) of your poems or stories
  - The name, address, and phone number of your school
  - Your teacher's name and email address
  - If under 18, the name, email, phone number of your parent/guardian
  - A 50-word biography written in the third person that will appear in the magazine should your submission(s) be published.
  - Write the cover letter in a Word doc or docx file and attach it to your email. Please do not submit PDF's or links (like from Google Docs). Download the file and attach it to your email. For security reasons, links will not be clicked on.
  - Your cover letter 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: magazine\_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 PDF's 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**