*Windscript* 2024 Submission Guidelines

**DEADLINE: DECEMBER 14, 2023**

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 two (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.

Email your cover letter and submission as attachments to windscriptmagazine@gmail.com with “Windscript Submission” in the subject line:

What you need to know about your cover letter

• Download and complete the *Windscript* Cover Letter Form from our website (www.skwriter.com) 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 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.

• Your *Windscript* Cover Letter Form should be named “First Name Last Name – cover letter”

What you need to know about your submission

• 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 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.

Questions? Email swgevents@skwriter.com