

Submission Guidelines

Voices from the Plains: Volume III

NOTE: Failure to follow all guidelines may cause your submission to be disqualified.
Read these instructions and follow them *very carefully*.

Entry Fee: \$15.00 (*limit three entries per person*)

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- Secure payment by credit card should be made through the website at the time of registration. This is the preferred and simplest way of paying, it is safer and more reliable than mailing checks, and it saves everyone a lot of time. If you absolutely cannot pay via credit card, please contact Julie Haase (juliejohaase@gmail.com) to arrange another way to pay.
- Each submission requires a separate entry fee.
- Entry fees are nonrefundable (no exceptions).

Entry Requirements:

- Current **paid** membership or Life Member status in NWG. *Membership is required to access the registration form. If you are not a current member or you've let your membership lapse, you will need to join or renew before you can register.*
- Completed online registration form.
- Payment of entry fee(s).
- Submissions *following all guidelines* emailed to the address on page two.

Entries May Include:

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- Short stories, essays, novel excerpts, and other short-form fiction and nonfiction of up to 5500 words
- Poetry—*Poems must be sent as individual submissions, not combined into a single file as was allowed previously. Each poem counts toward your max three submissions.*
- Scripts up to ten pages in length
- Previously published works published in calendar year 2019. Traditionally published submissions must be accompanied by written permission from the publisher *at the time of submission.*
- All genres are accepted (see Appropriate Content below).

Appropriate Content

The goal of this anthology is to be accessible to a wide audience, and that means some limitations must apply. While we don't want to dismiss any submissions out of turn, nor do we expect submissions to be strictly PG, we prefer content that is mostly family friendly. Mature content and questionable language should be appropriate to the story, character, situation, etc. and not be excessive or gratuitous in nature.

Formatting: All entries must be formatted as follows. Templates for fiction/nonfiction and poetry are available on the website. *Submissions not following this formatting may be disqualified.* If you need help with formatting, please contact Julie Haase.

- .doc, .docx, or .pdf formats only
- All submissions must be sent as email attachments—do not include submissions in the body of the email.
- **Font:** 12pt Times New Roman
- **Line Spacing:** 1.5 line spacing
- **Poetry:** no line longer than 3-3/4"; standard punctuation characters only; no images or emoticons.
- No illustrations.
- ***Do not include the author's name on the submission.*** Submissions should include title and body copy only. *Any submissions including the author's name will be disqualified.*
- **File Names:** Each file should be named with the title of the piece only. *Do not include the author's name in the file name.*

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Author Bio: Include *in a separate file* a bio of no more than 50 words. If multiple submissions are sent in separate emails, include the bio with each email.

Editing: *Submissions will not be edited*, so check your submissions carefully before sending. Accepted submissions will be proofread and suggested changes will be sent to the author. If the author does not respond by the date given, *all suggested changes will be made*. While the accepted submissions will be proofread, the NWG is not responsible for any errors occurring in the original file that happen to get printed.

NOTES:

- No entry can be withdrawn after submission for any reason.
- No revisions will be allowed after an entry is received.
- *Submissions evaluators may disqualify any work for violating any and all requirements listed above.*

Email Submissions to: 2019submissionsNWGanthology@gmail.com

Deadline: September 2, 2019

Anticipated Publication Date: December 1, 2019

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*I cannot stress this enough: read and understand these guidelines and follow them very carefully. **Guidelines will be enforced!***

*If you have any questions about the guidelines, **please ask!***

*Thanks!
Julie*