

# Submission Guidelines for *Wishbone Words*

Please take the time to fully read our guidelines. Any piece that does not conform, will be declined. If you have questions or concerns after reading these guidelines, please email [WishboneWords@gmail.com](mailto:WishboneWords@gmail.com) and we will be happy to communicate with you. This is a volunteer-run magazine, so please be patient with our response time, we all have health concerns in addition to working to bring this magazine to life. Thank you.

## WHO CAN SUBMIT:

*Wishbone Words* accepts submissions from any individuals who identify as neurodiverse, disabled, or chronically ill (with physical or mental health conditions). You do not owe us proof, if you think you are part of the community, we look forward to reviewing your work.

## Genre-Specific Guidelines:

- ❖ Flash: 3 pieces max per submission period, individual pieces cannot exceed 500 words, can be fiction or CNF, please submit all pieces in one document
- ❖ Poetry: 3 poems max per submission period, individual poem length cannot exceed 3 pages, please submit all poems in one document
- ❖ Prose: 2 pieces max per submission period, TOTAL word count cannot exceed 2000 words, please submit all pieces in one document
- ❖ Hybrid: 2 pieces max per submission period, TOTAL word count cannot exceed 2000 words, please submit all pieces in one document
- ❖ Book Reviews: 3 reviews max per submission period, individual reviews cannot exceed 500 words, please include the book title, author name, and year of publication at the start of the review, please submit all reviews in one document
- ❖ Translations: 3 translations max per submission period, any language mix of languages is allowed as long as one of the two languages is English, please submit all pieces in one document
- ❖ Illustrations/Photography: 5 pieces max per submission period

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## General Submission Guidelines:

- ★ Language/ Use of Derogatory Terms/ Profanity: Please remember your submission is being read by a human being who has feelings and emotions. We will not publish hateful or hurtful works. If you have to ask if it's hateful/hurtful, you should probably revise it before submitting it. Additionally, we do not publish racist, transphobic, ableist, or otherwise damaging content. Use your best judgment and, when in doubt, give content warnings for readers or ASK.
- ★ Simultaneous Submissions: Simultaneous subs are okay, but please let us know if your piece gets accepted elsewhere so it can be withdrawn from our submissions pile.
- ★ Re-submissions: If we have declined your piece for an issue, please respect our decision. You are welcome to work on revising the piece and try resubmitting during our next submission window, and we will happily read your revised work.
- ★ Submitting After Publication: The *Wishbone* team encourages previous contributors to submit to future issues if they have more writing they would like to share. However, being a previous contributor does not guarantee publication, and the piece of writing/artwork must go through the general submissions queue to make it into the magazine.
- ★ Payment: At this time, we cannot pay contributors. Our staff is currently all volunteers, and the money we make from selling copies goes toward website maintenance. However, contributors will receive free access to their issue of the magazine.

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## Formatting Guidelines:

- ❖ Submission Title: Please title your submission: First Name \_ Last Name \_ Individual Piece Title (Example: “John\_Smith\_Disability as Visibility.” If sending more than one written piece (like multiple poems or flash pieces), please send them in one document.
- ❖ Formatting: Written submissions must be in .doc, .docx, or .pdf. Art submissions should be in .jpeg or .png format. Please reach out to us if you are having difficulty formatting your submission.
- ❖ Font: All pieces should be written in a standard font such as Arial, TNR, or Calibri
- ❖ Size: All pieces should be in size 12-16pt
- ❖ Spacing: Prose pieces must be double-spaced; poetry can play with spacing as long as it remains readable
- ❖ Individual Piece Titles: All pieces should be titled or be named “untitled.”

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## Misc. Guideline Information:

- ★ Use of A.I. (Artificial Intelligence): *Wishbone Words Magazine* does not condone the use of Artificial Intelligence (A.I.) in creating pieces of writing or artwork. Submissions suspected of being generated with A.I. will be screened with detection software. If sufficient evidence of A.I. usage is found, the submission will be rejected.
- ★ Author Bio: Please include a short, third-person author bio. Your author bio should not exceed 100 words.
- ★ Socials: If you have social media, please let us know which of your accounts you would like us to share in the magazine upon publication.
- ★ Submission Window and Publication Dates: We publish two issues per year. We will launch one issue in May and one issue in November. The submission window for the May issue is from September 1st to November 30th. The submission window for the November issue is from March 1st until May 30th.
- ★ Turn-around Time: Please be patient. Allow up to several months to be notified of whether your submission has been accepted or rejected. For the May issue, you will be notified of your submission's status in early January. For the November issue, you will be notified in early July.
- ★ While we read through submissions, please do not ask us about your piece's status on social media or through email. Only contact us if you wish to withdraw your submission. The more people who reach out, the less time we can dedicate to reading through the subs.
- ★ Remember: Just like our contributors, everyone who volunteers their time to *Wishbone Words* has their own health struggles. Please be respectful with our team members when communicating on social media or through email. We love to hype up past and current contributors, so if you are being published elsewhere, tag us – we love to see it!

If you have questions or concerns before submitting, such as needing help exporting your submission into the proper file type or needing to withdraw a submission, please do not hesitate to reach out to us: [WishboneWords@gmail.com](mailto:WishboneWords@gmail.com). Please be patient with our response time, we do not make our team available 24/7 and it may take some time for us to get back to you. Thank you for your patience.

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