

Writing Guidelines

Requirements:

- Any form of writing is accepted, including poetry, journalism, literary analysis, novel writing, dramatic script, humor/satire, personal memoir, critical essay, etc.
- Make sure your work adheres to our theme of social justice, activism, politics, and/or introspection.
- The word limit for prose is 3000 words.
- Your work must be primarily in English.
- Pieces that include offensive or derogatory language will not be accepted.
- Proofread your work! Consider asking parents, friends, or teachers to look it over before submitting.
- Keep in mind that our editors will double-check your piece for grammar, spelling, punctuation, etc. They will always strive to preserve your voice and intent, however.
- Plagiarism will not be tolerated. If your work is discovered to be unoriginal, you will no longer be invited to contribute to *Words With Weight*. For more information about what is considered plagiarism, check out [this webpage](#).

Need some ideas? Check out our [brainstorming guide](#) or Instagram page (@wordswithweightofficial)!

FAQ:

How do I fulfill my duties as a writer?

You have some options.

1. Submit 1-3 pieces for our regular issue.
2. OR Submit 2+ pieces for the substack
3. OR A combination of both. There's no limit for Substack submissions.

You must complete one of these options by our next issue deadline, even if you are just submitting to the Substack.

What is the Substack?

- It is a more casual "side blog" that is separate from our regular magazine. ONLY WWW team members can submit to it, so please do not share the form with others.

Unlike our regular issues, all work will be accepted.

How do I submit my work?

- [Submission form](#) (for our regular issues)
- [Submission form](#) (for our [Substack](#))

Is there a word limit?

- The maximum length for prose is 3000 words.

What happens if I don't/can't contribute?

- Contact our Head Writer, Nadia Bollinger, via the Writers' WhatsApp group.
- *We do not accept late submissions.* Anything submitted after our deadline will automatically be considered for the following issue.
- If you fail to contribute for an extended period of time (without providing an explanation), then we will assume that you are no longer a part of the team at *Words With Weight*.

Can I submit more than 3 pieces per issue?

- No, but you may submit any more pieces you have for our Substack!

Help! I still have questions.

- No problem! Email wordswithweightmagazine@gmail.com and our Editor-in-Chief, Anniyah, will get back to you ASAP.