

EMBLEM OF THE ARCANA

A FIRE EMBLEM : ENGAGE
TAROT PROJECT

✂ WRITER INFO DOC ✂

Thank you for your interest in applying as a **writer** to **Emblem of the Arcana** - a Fire Emblem Engage tarot project!

Since we are a tarot deck and accompanying zine rather than a typical zine, we have different requirements from our writers to regular zine projects. As such, we have provided this information document to help explain what purpose these writers applications are for.

✂ THE WRITER'S ROLE

We are looking for ~4/5 writers. **Their primary job is to write short blurbs within our accompanying zine to help explain/demonstrate the connection between the character and the card they represent.**

We have 3 primary writer responsibilities. As a major/minor arcana writer, expect to write for somewhere between 12-15 characters, depending on how many people we take on.

- ❖ ~2 **Major arcana writers** (includes Alear, the royals, and other story relevant characters)
- ❖ ~2 **Minor arcana writers** (includes the retainers, and any other recruitable/playable characters)
- ❖ **1 Tarot writer:** giving input on the tarot assignments/meanings and writing an introductory article on how to use tarot, which will also be included in the zine, being open to pinch hitting

☒ BLURB GUIDELINES

In our accompanying zine, we will have the artwork on one page. On the other, we will have a short blurb demonstrating why this character was chosen and how their story connects to the meaning of the tarot card.

XXX. CARD NAME

CHARACTER NAME

Upright keywords 1 2 and 3

Reversed keywords 1 2 and 3

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The writer's blurb would go here, ~75-125 words per character!

The purpose of the blurb is to demonstrate how the character relates to the meaning of their assigned card. We are flexible on what we want these tarot blurbs to look like; anything from short essay-style analyses, to drabbles, to poetry, to in-character letters/notes... It can be in any person or tense.

☒ WHAT DO WE LOOK FOR IN APPLICANTS?

NOTE: *We will not use, share, or distribute the works of any applicant. The applications are purely to gauge your writing style in this specific situation. Your work and writing used for applying to us is entirely your own.*

The writers in question would need to have a deep understanding of, or be willing to research, the cast of Engage and card meanings of the major and minor arcana. Biddy tarot is a good place to start: <https://www.biddytarot.com/tarot-card-meanings/>

As stated, this is not a regular zine project, so we will not be looking for fanfic writers *specifically*. Of course, fanfiction writers are encouraged to apply to the project, but that is not the specific subset of writers that we are looking for.

In terms of what qualities we wish to see in the writing itself, we are aiming for this project to have a refined, professional look - so keep your writing on theme and avoid jokes and memes. As for how you approach your blurbs, that is up to you entirely - we want to see what passionate writers and tarot enthusiasts come up with themselves, rather than heavily policing the idea.

☒ FAQ

How long are the blurbs?

Loosely 75-125 words, most being around 100 words total in length.

Will I have a say in character/card assignments?

Yes! We'll primarily collaborate with the tarot writer for this, but all writers will be asked for their two cents if they'd like to give it. However, the final decision on card assignments will rest with the mods.

What if I disagree with an assignment?

We are looking for writers who are flexible and understand that they may have to write blurbs they don't agree with as it's not possible to please everybody with the character assignments! We will do our best to take all writers' opinions into account on character assignments.

Will the character/tarot card combination(s) I choose to write for in my application affect my chances of being accepted?

No. We are looking at how you approach writing the comparison, not your choice in pairing.

How important is my tarot experience?

The form has a section asking about your experience with tarot as a whole - this is mostly relevant for the tarot writer position, as they are someone who will help support our mods in choosing placements for characters and cards and contribute to the written instructions in the booklet.

You do not need to have tarot experience to write for this project but it certainly helps. A willingness to learn/research it will also help your chances.

I have more questions!

Please DM us on Twitter @EngageArcana, or leave us an ask in our ask box:

<https://curiouscat.live/EngageArcana>

☒ WHERE CAN I APPLY?

Here is a link to our application: <https://forms.gle/xF5cMi2boTqnXn63A>

Applications close **1st July 2023**.