Open call: Writing submissions



What is Battletech Pride Anthology?

It is a fanzine celebrating LGBTQ+ writers and stories set in the Battletech Universe. Pride Anthology 2023 was downloaded over 4700 times and viewed over 12500 times and appeared on frontpages of Polygon, PCGamer, and Dicebreaker, and was featured and shared by both official CGL Battletech facebook and the utterly amazing folks at Sarna.

Pride Anthology is 100% by fans for fans, not associated with CGL nor TOPPS, and will be available for free

What are we looking for?

Stories exclusively written by LGBTQ+ folks, set in any era of the Battletech Universe, preferably involving LGBTQ+ characters or topics. We are also going to invite a couple of non-LGBTQ+ guest writers, but open submissions are for LGBTQ+ folks only, sorry!

This time Battletech Pride Anthology 2024 has a theme associated with it. All submissions will be considered, but additional priority is for submissions centered around the theme which will appear in the first "dark" half of the Pride Anthology, while non-theme stories will appear in the second "light" half. This year's keywords are PIRATES, ANARCHISTS, MISFITS, and DEEP PERIPHERY. You can use any number of them for inspiration or guide 🤍

All stories must be "Sarna Legal", aka confirmable and fitting to pre-existing lore and timelines as is on Sarna.net

Submissions should be between 4000-6000 words in length, in English, and in manuscript format. Please note that stories can be longer, but should not be shorter!

You can submit as many stories as you want, and can have multiple stories published in the anthology. Your stories must be unpublished to be considered UNLESS your story is a sequel or a prequel to a pre-published story, then you can have both of them in the Pride Anthology!

Deadline

Final date for submissions is 7th of April, 2024.

Submissions

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScmS-dAFB2iVsgk6n-IUYTiEFFumXCBXjfUXGFrinHiGiiHDg/viewform?us p=sf link

If you have any questions, you can ping me on Twitter (@Detocroix) or Bluesky (@detocroix.bsky.social)! Also join Star League Discord the most amazing as heck LGBTQ Battletech discord server on the chatterweb <3

SOME Q AND A

Can I submit art for Pride Anthology?

Yes! As long as it is made by you, about Battletech, and unreleased, it is more than welcome! You can use the same form for it <3

Is it a paid writing gig?

No, this is a fanzine and we don't have any budget for it. The anthology will be released for free.

Is this officially endorsed by CGL or TOPPS?

No, this is purely, 100%, fanwork.

Do stories have to be centered on 'Mechs?

No, stories should always be centered on and about characters who *might* be MechWarriors, or tank crew, or aerospace, or whatever else. 'Mechs and other vehicles are set pieces, but characters are what have the personality <3