

Lucida Sidera

A Final Fantasy Ladies Zine

ABOUT THE PROJECT

Lucida Sidera: The Shining Stars is an upcoming for-profit fanzine centered around the ladies of the Final Fantasy series! We set out to celebrate the captivating and empowering ladies of this beloved franchise. As the Latin term implies, these characters are the shining stars of the series, illuminating the gaming world with their strength, depth, and unforgettable stories.

We hope to come together to recognize and appreciate the enduring legacy of these incredible women by shining light on their remarkable stories and accomplishments.

Social Media

- ◆ Carrd: ffladieszine.carrd.co/
- ◆ Twitter: twitter.com/ffladieszine
- ◆ Tumblr: ffladieszine.tumblr.com/
- ◆ Instagram: instagram.com/ffladieszine/
- ◆ Email: ffladieszine@gmail.com

Specs:

- ◆ Digital + Physical Zine
- ◆ Full color, Perfect Bound
- ◆ 6 x 9 inches
- ◆ Estimated ~130 Pages
- ◆ 45 Contributors
- ◆ Merchandise Included



CONTRIBUTOR INFO



- ❖ Accepted page artists are expected to create **1 page** or **1 spread** for the book/zine (with the option to provide spot illustrations for writers and poets). Spreads are determined based on pitch.
- ❖ Accepted merch artists are expected to create at least **2 merch pieces each**.
- ❖ Accepted writers are expected to write **1 story** that is **2k words in length**, or **1 long-form poem** of 1 to 2 pages.
- ❖ **Usage Rights:** Contributors will retain the rights to their pieces but we request that contributors not share, sell, or post full and final iterations of their pieces until we begin the Leftovers period. Sharing of previews are allowed only during our creation period (after our 2nd check-in) and during our preorders period (after final submissions). More information pertaining to sharing previews will be made along with a provided template.

If you're interested in becoming a potential contributor, please read our guidelines below. This document has everything you need to know to apply as a contributor from **October 22 to November 24!**



SCHEDULE



Below is our tentative project schedule. Please note that this schedule runs on **ET timezone**. Announcements will be made should there be any unforeseen delays.

Interest Check	Sept 8 - Sept 30
Contributor Apps	Oct 22 - Nov 24
App Results	Dec 3

Pitch Submissions	Dec 15
1st Check-in	Jan 12 - Jan 13
2nd Check-in	Feb 3 - Feb 4
3rd Check-in	Feb 24 - Feb 25
Final Submissions	March 17
Pre-Orders	Apr 17 - May 17
Production	May - July
Shipping	August



COMPENSATION



Depending on sales during pre-orders, contributors will be compensated according to the following financial model:

1st tier (guaranteed): Free high resolution PDF

2nd tier: Book

3rd tier: Book and paper/flat merch

4th tier: Book and all merch (including limited items and early birds)

Under this model, shipping is included for **1 bundle**. If there are leftover profits, they will be split equally amongst everyone.



APP REQUIREMENTS



What are we looking for? A solid pitch! When applying for the zine, it is encouraged that you pitch an idea for the zine. We want the zine to include a variety of ideas that

explore the FF Ladies' lives, whether it's their backstory, their journey within the game, or interactions with other ladies from other Final Fantasy games.

Be as elaborate and creative as you'd like—as long as it does not diverge much from their canon story, we'd love to hear it! AUs that completely change the world (e.g. steampunk) are not allowed, but Dissidia and Kingdom Hearts are welcome! Claims and pitches will be assigned and approved after everyone has confirmed their spot and joined the project Discord server.

We plan on including **30 Artists**, **6 Merch Artists** and **10 Writers**, inclusive of Guests. If you'd like to apply, please review our application requirements below.

General Application Requirements

- ❖ All applicants must be at least **16 years old** at the time of their application.
- ❖ As this is a PG-13 zine, we ask that applicants please do not include NSFW pieces and WIPs on their application.
- ❖ Works presented on your application should be indicative of the type of style and quality you are willing to create for the zine.
- ❖ Works including any Final Fantasy Lady are **highly recommended**, but not necessary. We strongly recommend that you include **at least one** Final Fantasy sample in your portfolio.
- ❖ Please make sure to submit a link to any platform that presents your best work. Your portfolio could be hosted on Google Drive, Wix, ArtStation, DeviantArt, Tumblr, Twitter, Instagram, etc. We only ask that you make sure links are easily accessible.
- ❖ Applicants are allowed to apply for multiple roles (page artist, writer, merch artist), but **may only be accepted for one role**.
- ❖ We will ask for potential pinch hitters on the applications. If you are interested in pinch hitting please make sure to let us know on your application.

Page Artist Applications

- ❖ Make sure to follow our general application requirements above.
- ❖ Please provide at least **5 samples** that best represent your work.
- ❖ Backgrounds are not required, but please share only finished pieces. We will not accept WIPs.

- ❖ We are also looking for **Spot Illustrators** who are interested in collaborating with a writer to decorate their prose. This is in addition to an artist's assigned page. If you are interested in this role, please let us know on your application.

Merch Artist Applications

- ❖ Make sure to follow our general application requirements above.
- ❖ Please provide at least **5 samples** that best represent your work.
- ❖ We highly recommend providing **real-life photos** or **mockups** of merch you've produced in the past.
- ❖ We are also looking for **Spot Illustrators** who are interested in collaborating with a writer or poet to decorate their prose. This is in addition to an artist's assigned page. If you are interested in this role, please let us know on your application.

Writer Applications

- ❖ Make sure to follow our general application requirements above.
- ❖ Please provide at least **5 samples** that best represent your work.
- ❖ Please include **1 sample** that is completed and no longer than **2k words**.
- ❖ Other samples could be taken from longer fics as excerpts but must still be no longer than **2k words**.

Applying as a Poet

- ❖ You are welcome to write poetry for the zine. Out of 10 Writers, a maximum of **3 Poets** may be included.
- ❖ Please use the Writer Applications Form and make sure to select 'Applying as a Poet'.
- ❖ Please provide at least **3 poetry samples** that best represent your work.
- ❖ Please include **1 sample of a long-form poem** that is at most **90 lines long**.
- ❖ Other samples can be of shorter forms but must still be no longer than 90 lines long.



THE TEAM



Meet the team hard at work to bring this project to life!

Darque — JP Communications Mod

miniyuna — Art Mod

mayari — Co-Organizer, Graphics, Social Media & Formatting Mod

mayelisa — Beta & Writer Mod

S.K.Evans — Co-Organizer, Finance & Shipping Mod

Mimi — Finance & Production Mod

Sakky — Merch & Communications Mod

Please visit our [Carrrd](#) for individual info.

If you have any further questions, please send us an email at flladieszine@gmail.com. We look forward to your applications!



FAQ



General Information

What is a zine?

A zine or fanzine is a small-circulation, self-published work of original writings and/or arts.

What is this zine about?

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implies, these characters are the shining stars of the series, illuminating the gaming world with their strength, depth, and unforgettable stories.

This is a project where creators can come together to recognize and appreciate the enduring legacy of these incredible women, by shining light on their remarkable stories and accomplishments.

What is the rating for this zine?

The zine is rated PG-13.

Will the zine be physical or digital?

The zine will be physical and digital.

Will this zine be for-profit or for-charity?

This zine is for-profit.

How will contributors be compensated?

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How old do I have to be to apply?

All interested contributors must be 16 or older by the time of their application to be considered for the zine.

How many contributors are you accepting?

We are anticipating about 45 contributors, which will involve 30 artists, 6 Merch Artists, and 10 Writers.

Will you ship internationally?

Yes! International shipping may be available. Please note that some restrictions may apply based on the country.

Where will the product be shipped from?

The zine will ship from Canada.

Contributor Information

Can I apply for more than one role?

Yes! But interested applicants are most likely to only be accepted to one role.

What are artists and writers required to do?

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Will traditional art be allowed?

Yes. Please make sure to provide a clean, high-quality scan of your work. Scanning in 600dpi or higher is advisable.

Are contributors allowed to collaborate?

We welcome all sorts of collaboration between our contributors! Do note, collaborations can only be established among contributors after they've been accepted into the zine and joined the Discord.

We also welcome any collaborations where artists would like to provide secondary, small pieces to accompany a writer's story and decorate the story's pages! These pieces will not be priority and artists who do volunteer to do this would still be expected to provide a full-page illustration first and foremost. More details on collaborations will be available during claims and on the Discord server.

Can I include other characters in my piece?

Of course, only as long as your Final Fantasy lady is included and they are the main focus of the piece.

Can I include ships in my piece?

To keep this zine open to everyone, there will not be ships in any submissions.

Are AUs allowed?

As this is a zine meant to stick to the canon universes of FF games, we will not consider AUs that change the world (for example: steampunk-verse). Exceptions to this rule would be Dissidia and Kingdom Hearts.

Can I submit an older piece for the zine?

Unfortunately, no. Please make sure that the piece is unpublished and brand new.