



WRITEGIRL 2019 ANTHOLOGY

Submission Information & Guidelines

Deadline for Submissions: Feb. 28th at 11:59 PM

Every other year, WriteGirl publishes an anthology of writing by all the girls in the program. Our goal is to capture the creative spirit of our workshops and readings, and to inspire women and girls outside of WriteGirl to do some writing of their own. WriteGirl books are sold in bookstores across the country!

Our next anthology will be published in June 2019. The theme for this anthology is *Fired Up for the Future*, so we encourage you to write about things that excite you, things that you want to change or anything in between. Your views shape the future! This is your soapbox moment to raise your voice about the kind of world you want to live in. You could write about school, home, the environment, your family, your friends, your shoes, your future. What fires you up?

All mentees who submit according to the guidelines will be included in the book.

WHAT TO SUBMIT:

- **You must submit a minimum of 3 pieces of writing (but no more than 5):** This will give the editors a few choices, to ensure a variety of topics in the book.
- **All genres of writing are accepted:** poetry, fiction, lyrics, creative nonfiction, etc.
- **Original, unpublished pieces:** All writing must be your own, and not previously published anywhere. You may submit something you did not write at a WriteGirl workshop or mentoring session, but please give us something that **captures the spirit and feel of WriteGirl.**

TIP: Don't forget to flip through your journal! Sometimes a spontaneous, short paragraph written at a workshop makes for a very strong piece of work.

Things to Remember:

- **Pay attention to length limit.** See below. Pieces that are too long will not be considered. Remember: short pieces can have a big impact!
- **No rhyming poetry.** For several reasons, we do not accept rhyming poetry for this anthology.
- **No profanity, explicit sexuality or drug use.** We cannot publish any profanity or sexually explicit content. Please edit any unsuitable content from your pieces before they are submitted.
- **Deadline for Submissions: Feb. 28th at 11:59 PM.** Late submissions may not be included in the anthology.

EDITING YOUR SUBMISSION:

- **Work with a mentor to edit your writing.** If you do not have a weekly mentor, please contact the WriteGirl office so we can get a mentor to help you with your submissions. Email your request to membership@writegirl.org OR call us at 213-253-2655.
- **Edit each piece before submitting.** Consider length, grammar, spelling, content and word choice, as well as context—particularly if it's a excerpt from a longer piece—before submitting.

- **Attend one or both of our editing workshops** in February at the WriteGirl Office in DTLA.
- **Include a title that you think best represents your piece.** Remember all submitted works must have a title.

FORMATTING YOUR SUBMISSION

- **Each piece you are submitting must be on a separate Submission Form.** The form is on the WriteGirl Clubhouse webpage. Let the WriteGirl office know if you are unable to find it.
- **All documents must be editable**—Google Docs, Word and Text files only. No PDFs.

Maximum Length:

Poetry and Lyrics: 25 lines, including blank lines and stanza breaks

Scenes: 60 lines, including scene headings, stage directions, dialogue, and characters

Prose (fiction or nonfiction): 300 words

*For a longer piece, please select and submit an appropriate excerpt. And again, keep to the word or line limits above.

READY TO SUBMIT?

- **Type or paste your submission into the form.** Please change the name of the file to your name—multiple forms may be included in a single email.
- **Be sure to complete the “Context” portion of the form for each submission.** Tell us a little about how and why you wrote your piece. This helps readers to fully understand and appreciate your work. Here are some ideas of what to include:
 - Where you were when you wrote the piece?
 - Who or what inspired you to write this piece?
 - How were you feeling when you were writing?
 - Did you learn anything new from writing this piece?**Remember:** Keep it short! If you find yourself writing a lot here, consider finding ways to add it to your piece instead.
- **All writers must complete a Writer’s Release form** with a complete listing of all submission titles, via email, mail, fax or delivered by hand. If you are under the age of 18, a parent/guardian must sign. The PDF version of the release is a fillable form, so you may complete all but the signature on a computer, if you prefer.

Email submissions to: writegirlbook2019@gmail.com.

Submissions are accepted through email only. No faxed or mailed submissions.

QUESTIONS?

Call the WriteGirl office at 213-253-2655 if you have any questions or need help. We are happy to connect you with a mentor if you need guidance and support.