

Thank you for your interest in *The Raft Review*! Please read the submission guidelines below to take a glimpse of what we are looking for.

General submission guidelines for fiction, poetry, and creative nonfiction in English

- High school students (**age 14-19**) who are non-native English speakers from anywhere in the world are eligible to submit.
- We only accept **writings primarily written in English in this category**. You can include foreign words in your submission, just make sure you provide a translation somewhere (footnotes, parentheses, etc.). If you want to submit pieces written in another language, please check out our **Multilingual Writing/Translation submission** guidelines.
- **Original work only. We do not accept work generated by AI in any form.**
- **Please submit up to 3 pieces for each genre per submission cycle.** We will provide feedback for every submission. Additional submissions will be withdrawn.
- If accepted, we ask for **first serial rights and archival rights** upon publication. We also accept previously published work, but we ask for **second serial rights and archival rights**. All rights will revert back to the author immediately following publication. If your work has been published during our review cycle, please contact us.
- Please submit each piece **as a separate file**. Your submission must be attached as a **PDF, DOC, or DOCX document**. We ask that you label each file with the title of your work. Please **do not include any identifying information** anywhere in your work.
- Our editorial team will be focusing on originality, voice, and creativity. We are especially looking forward to work that shows a novel perspective on identities and the collisions of different cultures.
- **Work-in-Progress is accepted!** Whether it is a vignette or a fragment of a poem, as long as it shows a distinct voice and a developable theme, we are eager to work with the writer and consider publishing it in future issues.

Genre Requirements

Poetry: We accept poetry work **no longer than 80 lines. Any format is accepted, but please use a legible font.**

Prose: We accept fiction and creative nonfiction **under 2000 word limit. Times New Roman (including titles and subtitles), 12pt, double-spaced.**

Multilingual Writing/Translation Submission Guidelines

- You may submit writing in languages other than English, but please attach an English translation alongside. Please submit the original work and the translation in one submission, and make sure you **label the translation and the original writing on the title**. Your translation will not be counted as an additional submission.

- Translation work from another author is also accepted! In your submission, please include the **original text, an English translation, and proof of permission from the rights holder.**

Submission Guidelines for Artwork

- High school students (age 14-19) from anywhere in the world are eligible to submit.
- We accept all kinds of artwork including digital/media art, photography, drawing, painting, collage, 3D art, etc.
- You may submit **5 pieces of artwork per issue.** Your work will be considered as Cover Art for the digital issue or Promotional Art (which will appear on social media).
- Images must be at least 2700 x 1800 pixels. Images with low resolution will not be eligible for cover art.
- **Original work only. We do not accept work generated by AI in any form.**
- Your submission must be attached as a PNG or JP(e)G file. We ask that you label each file the title of your work. You may include an artist's statement for each piece under 250 words if you would like to describe your piece in more detail.
- Please **do not include any identifying information anywhere in your work.**

Guidelines on Hate Speech, Slurs, and Other Sensitive Language

- Please note that we **DO NOT accept writing or art that explicitly promotes or supports hate speech.** Work that discriminates against a certain community / race / sexuality will not be published, and your work will be withdrawn.
- However, **we do not have any problem with publishing submissions that contain swear words or profanity.** But please be respectful to each community and culture, as we are dedicated to encouraging different voices.

You made it to the end! Don't hesitate to submit, and we are beyond excited to read your work!