

# Submission Guidelines

Ohio Writers' Association

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## 2024 Anthology Submission

We are collecting fiction and creative nonfiction dealing with the theme: *Should This Book be Banned?* **We want to hear your stories, ideas and perspectives that could be seen as bannable.** Our submission window runs July 1, 2024 through July 31, 2024. It is only \$5 to submit, but OWA members (Supporting level and above) may submit one piece for consideration at no charge. We are looking for pieces under 7,000 words. If you would like more information about this anthology, please contact us at: [anthology@ohiowriters.org](mailto:anthology@ohiowriters.org)

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**Format:** Please submit as a Microsoft Word or RTF document. (.rtf, .doc, .docx) It's recommended to use the the **Modern Manuscript Format** as explained here: <https://www.shunn.net/format/story/>

**Genres:** Fiction, creative nonfiction, limited poetry

**Free to Submit for Members:** You may submit up to 3 pieces at \$5 per piece. Members with Supporting, Writer, and Patron Subscriptions can submit one piece for free.

**Ohio Writers:** Open to anyone who has a connection to Ohio—born here, lives or lived here, worked in Ohio, or attended school or other significant event in Ohio.

**Word Limit:** 7,000 words

**Pay Rate:** \$15 per submission (which might include more than one poem), complimentary copy of the paperback and an equal share of 60% of the royalties, right from the start—including pre-sales through the first year of sales. Payment is through PayPal.

**Language:** English (We accept stories from all over the world. Translations are welcome and encouraged, even if the work has been previously published in another language.)

**Rights:** To publish we will require a contract to be signed, and can provide a copy of that upon request before submitting. In short, we claim first world electronic rights, first print rights, and non-exclusive anthology rights. If you are unfamiliar with the term “First Rights,” an explanation can be found [here: http://neil-clarke.com/first-rights/](http://neil-clarke.com/first-rights/). All rights are restricted to English language unless specifically stated otherwise.

## General Guidelines

**Well-written.** Language is important. There is no distinction between “style” and “substance” or “story” and “writing.”

### What we DO NOT want:

- Children’s fiction. Fiction intended for middle grade, early readers, and younger is not a good fit for this anthology. The story may have a young protagonist as long as the intended audience is adults or teens.
- Fanfiction
- Sections of longer works. Submissions should stand alone.
- Erotica, gratuitous violence. Some sex, violence, and profanity is fine as long as it suits the story.

Any questions? Contact us at [anthology@ohiowriters.org](mailto:anthology@ohiowriters.org)

*\*These guidelines are subject to change by our Board of Directors at any time leading up to the signing of a written agreement with selected authors.*