

# Ohio Writer's Association

## 2026 ANTHOLOGY SUBMISSION

The Ohio Writers' Association is accepting submissions for our 2026 anthology, *Resistance: A Literary Anthology*. Storytelling has always been an act of resistance: a way to challenge the world as it is and imagine what could be. This collection invites writers to use fiction, poetry, and creative nonfiction to challenge the forces shaping our time and culture. We seek well-written, substantive works that confront injustice, apathy, and despair.

*Submissions will be accepted from October 13 through November 21, 2025 (deadline).*

### SUBMISSION GUIDELINES\*

- Open to anyone with a connection to Ohio—born here, lives or lived here, worked here, or attended school or took part in other significant events here.
- Please submit your work as a Microsoft Word or RTF document (.rtf, .doc, .docx)
- 7,000 word max
- Blind submission: Do not put any identifying information on the submitted document or file name (use the work's title). The submission form on the OWA website will capture the contact information we need.
- Use double spacing and 12-point Times New Roman
- Number each page
- Fiction, creative nonfiction or poetry
- Authors of selected pieces will be paid \$15, given a complimentary copy of the anthology, and an equal share of 60% of the royalties, right from the start (including pre-sales) through the first year of sales.
- You may submit up to 3 pieces at \$5 per piece. Members with Supporting, Writer, and Patron Subscriptions can submit one piece for free.
- Authors whose work is accepted for publication must sign a contract. We claim first-world electronic rights (text and audio), 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/>

- Your piece must be original; we do not accept previously published material.
- Submit your work using the Ohio Writers Association form and submission process at <https://www.ohiowriters.org/>.

## GENERAL GUIDELINES

**Language and presentation.** Submissions must be well-written. The editor is looking for pieces that are well thought out (substantive), written in a consistent style that demonstrates the writer's commitment to craftsmanship, and clearly adhere to the anthology's theme.

## WHAT WE DO NOT WANT:

- Children's fiction. Fiction intended for people under the age of 18 is not a good fit for this anthology. A story may have a young protagonist as long as the intended audience is adults.
- Fanfiction.
- Sections of longer works. Submissions must stand alone.
- Gratuitous violence or sex. Some sex, violence, and/or profanity is acceptable when it is essential to the story.

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

*\*These guidelines are subject to change by our Board at any time prior to signing a written agreement with selected authors.*

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