

Goldfinch Guidelines Vol. 28 (2025-2026)

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Submission Information:

- Online submission process begins Sunday, September 7, 2025
- Submission Deadline: Saturday, November 1, 2025
- Notification of acceptance or rejection, on or before Monday, December 15, 2025
- Goldfinch Launch Party date: Date To Be Announced

Guidelines for submission:

- You must be a current member of Women Who Write, Inc.
- Word Counts: Poetry and Prose—up to 1,800 words per submission
- Each member can submit up to 2 Poetry and 2 Prose pieces. The number of pieces selected to be published will be limited to 1 Prose piece and 1 Poem per member.
- Works can be fiction, creative non-fiction, Memoir, or a mix of genres. Research and reference pieces will not be accepted. Political pieces will not be accepted.
- Do not submit a work that has been published previously in Goldfinch or elsewhere.
- All works must be fully edited at the time of submission - changes **cannot** be accepted.
- Works containing quoted/referenced material must include references or bibliography.
- Works containing photos must include photo credits. Photos may be published in black and white. The Editor cannot guarantee photos will be published.
- Each submitting author should submit **one** short biography (submitted as a **separate** Microsoft Word document – **maximum 100 words**). Bios should be written in the third person. If no bio is received or the submitted bio is greater than 100 words, the bio from the WWW directory (if available) will be used (edited for length if necessary). Bios submitted outside of this process cannot be accepted.

By submitting your work, you acknowledge that it is your own work and it has not been published previously. You acknowledge that you are a current, standing member of Women Who Write, Inc. You acknowledge that your work may be edited and published in *Goldfinch* Vol. 28 (2025-2026), which may be published online.

Format:

- Each submission must be electronic and in Microsoft Word format (.doc or .docx).
- Each work must have a title.
- Each work should **not** include:
 - a. headers or footers or headings placed in the body of the document
 - b. page numbers
 - c. word count
- Each work must be submitted **without** the author's name, initials, or identifying information in the text of the Word document. Works are read on a "blind" basis by our designated Readers.
- Poetry formatting: Times New Roman font in twelve-point and one-inch margins on all sides. Beyond that, any visual format is acceptable, as poets will sometimes play with word placement.
- Prose formatting: Times New Roman font in twelve-point, double spaced, one-inch margins on all sides.
- Prose works submitted in all capital letters cannot be accepted.
- Be sure to spell check your documents before submitting.