



thistle

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journal at the University of Idaho

THE DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH & CREATIVE WRITING PROGRAM

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Calling All U of I Undergraduate Creative Writers!

Thistle, the University of Idaho's undergraduate print literary journal, is currently seeking submissions of original student poetry, fiction, nonfiction, hybrid forms, and cover art.

The submissions period is October 7 - January 26th at Midnight.

No work will be considered after 1/26/25.

Eligibility

To be eligible for publication, you must be a currently enrolled, full-time, degree-seeking undergraduate student at UI. There is no fee to submit work; published authors will receive complimentary copies of *Thistle* upon publication. If you are submitting previously published work, you must indicate this in the body of your email submission.

**You may submit work in multiple genres.
Please adhere to the following guidelines.**

- Using your UI email account, email submissions to thistle@uidaho.edu
- The subject line of your email must read "Your Last Name_Genre Submission", eg: "Smith_Fiction Submission"
- If you are submitting in 3 genres, for example, send 3 separate emails: "Smith_Fiction Submission"; "Smith_Poetry Submission"; "Smith_Cover Art Submission"

File Preparation

- Use only Microsoft Word. No Pages documents, PDFs, or Google Docs links, please.
- Your submission will not be considered if your file is saved as Pages, PDF, or Google Doc, etc.
- On the first page of your submission, label your work:

*Your First and Last Name

*Your UI Email

*Title of the Work

*Word Count (for prose only)

*Your current mailing address (where we can mail copies of the journal to)

- Please number all pages
- In the header of each page, include: Last Name_Title of Work. eg, “Carver_Cathedral”

Genre Guidelines Fiction

- 4,000 words, max.
- 3 pieces per applicant, max.
- Formatting: Word document (if submitting multiple pieces, submit each as its own attachment), double-spaced, Times New Roman, size 12 font.

Genre Guidelines Nonfiction

- 4,000 words, max.
- 3 pieces per applicant, max.
- Formatting: Word document (if submitting multiple pieces, submit each as its own attachment), double-spaced, Times New Roman, size 12 font.

Genre Guidelines Poetry

- 5 poems per applicant, max. Multiple poems may be included in a single Word document.
- Formatting: Word document, Times New Roman, size 12 font.

Genre Guidelines Hybrid

- Hybrid work may include: flash fiction, prose poetry, erasure, text/image hybrids, etc.
- 4,000 words, max.
- 3 pieces maximum per applicant.
- Formatting: Word document (if submitting multiple pieces, submit each in its own separate document), double-spaced (prose only), Times New Roman, size 12 font.

Guidelines Cover art

- Send up to 3 works of visual art
- Formatting: jpeg
- Resolution: 300 DPI or higher. If it’s too big to send as an attachment, reduce your file size and please note that you are sending a low-resolution file.
- If your work is housed in an online portfolio, you may send a link instead.
- All mediums welcome (digital art, photography, paintings, collage, erasures, drawings, etc.)

Guidelines Visual Art

- Send up to 3 works of visual art
- Formatting: jpeg
- Resolution: 300 DPI or higher.
- If your work is housed in an online portfolio, you may send a link instead.
- All mediums welcome (digital art, photography, paintings, collage, erasures, drawings, etc.)
- Depending on our budget, we may only be able to print visual art in grayscale (black & white).

Further Questions?

- Please email thistle@uidaho.edu and address your email to Tori Rowles, Editor-in-Chief. Email is checked with regularity between January and May. The email account lies dormant and unchecked outside of those months.

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