



Newsletter Submission Guidelines

West Coast Christian Writers

WestCoastChristianWriters.com

WHO:

We accept submissions from members of our community at any level in their writing career so long as the writing meets our guidelines and benefits our readers.

You may submit if you have attended one of our conferences or plan to attend the 2019 West Coast Christian Writers Conference.

OUR AUDIENCE:

Our audience is made up of mostly Christian writers across all different genres mostly in the West Coast region of the USA.

WHEN YOU CAN SUBMIT:

We open up submissions quarterly. We accept submissions during a two week window. Visit our [website](#) for dates we accept submissions.

To find out what topics we are looking for in the coming quarter, please check our [website](#) and social media channels during the open submission time.

WHAT WE ARE LOOKING FOR:

We are specifically looking for articles that can reach our broad writer audience with valuable and actionable tips, tricks, habits, or information for writers.

We like articles that sound something like “5 Hacks of the Savvy Instagram User” or “5 Habits of the Successful Writer.” (Yes, we have a thing with 5. It keeps our articles tight, valuable, and easy to put into action.)

Our focuses for the season are announced each time we open up submissions. We ask that you keep your article submission centered on one of those points.

WHAT WE ARE NOT LOOKING FOR:

We are not interested in articles that come across sales-pitchy or self-promotiony. (Yes, we made up those words but you’re a writer... you understand.)

You may tell us about yourself in your author bio, but please don’t spend time telling us about your projects in your article.

We are not looking for articles that are so genre-specific that they apply to only a handful of our readers.

ARTICLE GUIDELINES:

Word Count: 300 word count max. Yes. You read that right. This is your opportunity to learn how to tighten your writing and infuse your writing voice without being wordy.

Note: Submissions with 282 words will receive pats on the back. Submissions with 304 words will still be considered. Submissions with 500 words will not even be read.

Please stick to our guidelines! We value your writing and your contributions to our community, and we surely don't want you to waste your time or ours.

Article Organization: Please stick to our 5-point outline for your article. If you come up with six points and simply cannot trim one point (and you are within word count), you may still send it. But we are not interested in articles that do not have actionable points.

Writing Style: Write 2-3 sentence paragraphs. Avoid long, wordy sentences.

Font: Use Times New Roman, 12 point.

End Punctuation: Space once after all end punctuation.

Formatting: Don't add any formatting to your article. That means no indented numerical lists, bullet formatting, or bold/italicizing of key points. We'll add appropriate formatting per WCCW's style guidelines.

Links: It's great to reference and/or quote experts. Always hyperlink to the primary source material.

Graphics: We have someone who is creating our graphics so there is no need to include an image with your submission. If you have a specific image in mind that you want our graphic designer to use for inspiration, feel free to attach it.

Number of Submissions: Please submit one article per quarter for our consideration. At this time, you may submit one article every quarter if you wish to, but we may limit this if we experience a large quantity of submissions (i.e., once your submission is accepted, you may not submit again for six months).

NOTE: We reserve the right to edit your submission as we deem necessary.

EMAIL INSTRUCTIONS:

Please submit your articles to amandaconquers@gmail.com.

In the subject line write: **WCCW Newsletter Submission**

Please send your article as a Word doc attachment or as a Google Doc.

Word Count: At the top, specify the total word count (of the article only, not the title or your bio).

Title: Include a suggested title with your article. Your title should be catchy and engaging but also make it clear what your article is about.

Byline: The first line should be your byline. Structure it like this:

By Genius Writer

Bio: Please include a 50-word max bio. (Note: this is a FIRM 50-word count.) In your bio, you may include ONE link ONLY to your website, blog, or preferred social media account.

Headshot: You may also include a headshot. We will resize your picture, but please do not send a huge file (250x250 would be ideal).

REPLIES TO SUBMISSIONS

We will let you know 2-3 weeks after our submission deadline closes if we will be able to use your article. Please do not inquire any earlier than 3 weeks after submission deadline.

NO PITCHES, PLEASE

Do not send your ideas or article pitches. These will not be opened or acknowledged. At this time, we are only looking for full article submissions that meet our guidelines during our open submission time.

LEGALITIES AND PAYMENTS

WCCW does not pay for guest submissions.

By submitting your article, you are granting WCCW non-exclusive permission to use your article. You retain all other rights. Anyone contacting us for reprint permission will be given your name and email address.

While we prefer original content, your submission can be an adaptation (not a complete reprint) of an article you've posted on your personal blog at least six months ago (we do not accept articles previously published on commercial sites, on other people's blogs, or in books, magazines, or newspapers). If you are submitting an adapted article, please send us the link to the original article.

We ask that you not allow your article published in the WCCW newsletter to appear in any other venue for at least three months after publication.

Thank you for considering writing for our newsletter! We look forward to receiving your submission.

The WCCW newsletter team