

SUBMIT TO THE ATLAS

Submissions open through May 15
for Quad City writers age 15-19

The Atlas is the literary magazine published annually by the Young Emerging Writers Internship Program. This year we are opening submissions to all QC-area students to be featured in the Atlas 21.

TIMELINE OF EVENTS & PUBLICATION

- March 1 - Submissions Open
- May 15 - Submissions Close
- Early June - Selections made & contributors notified
- August (date TBA) - The Atlas Release Reading - Contributors will be invited to read their work and the issue will be available for purchase

SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

- Please send only one submission per writer
- There is no fee to submit
- Writers must be between the ages of 15-19 as of March 1, 2026
- Writers must currently reside in Clinton, Muscatine, or Scott Counties in Iowa or in Henry, Mercer, or Rock Island Counties in Illinois to be considered
- Work must be typed, in 12pt Times New Roman
- Poetry: send up to 3 poems - 5 pages max
- Prose (fiction / nonfiction / hybrid): 1,500 words max
- Submissions must be sent as Word documents.
 - Works with specific formatting should also be sent as a PDF

works that will not be accepted:

- Any works found to be cruel, inflammatory and/or derogatory by the editors
- Work partially or entirely generated by large language models/AI
- Works with illustrations
- Previously published work
- Works with more than one author

All writers will be notified of the results of their submission in early June 2026.

All selected contributors will receive \$20 for their work, two copies of the Atlas 21 and the opportunity to perform their work at the Atlas release party in August.



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