

Submission Guidelines – Kuma2.net

Articles & Essays

Thanks for your interest in submitting poetry or stories to Kuma. Before sending in your submission, please read & follow all of these steps. It will make reading your submissions easier for us.

On Kuma2.net, articles and essays appear in the OtherWords section.

Subject Matter

- We are looking for well written articles and personal essays about the lives of lesbians of color.
- Topics we are interested in include but are not limited to sexuality, spirituality, relationships, dealing with racism/sexism/homophobia, being single, coming out, etc.

Format / Editing

- We **do not want** poorly written/unedited work – we will not “fix” your piece
 - If you need help, visit the [editing section](#) of the [Kuma Writer’s Resource Guide](#)
- Things to check:
 - You are using correct grammar, spelling, and punctuation
 - You have not overused slang
 - You are not using internet jargon or short hand
 - In articles/essays, people laugh. They do not LOL or LMAO.
 - The size of your paragraphs. If you have more than 10-12 sentences in a paragraph, it should probably be broken down into smaller ones.
- Don't send us an unfinished piece. We must see the whole, completed work before accepting it.
- Please use a simple, ease to read font—we prefer Times New Roman, Arial, or Courier
 - Font color should be black
- Paragraphs should be double spaced

How To Submit

- All submissions must contain your contact information:
 - Your real name, your street address, email address, and a telephone number
 - This information is just for our records and will never be given to anyone else or be displayed online
 - We won't read your submission if you do not send contact information
- Tell Us:
 - If you want to use your real name on your work or a pen name
 - If you want to receive reader feedback--and which email address you want those responses to go to
 - The copyright year for your work (the year the work was written/completed in.)
- If you want:
 - You can send us a small bio. It should just be 5 or 6 sentences
 - You can also send a small picture for the Kuma Photo Album (Author’s section)
- Emailing submissions:
 - We prefer to have articles/essays sent as attachments
 - plain text files (.txt), rich text files (.rtf), or MS Word files (.doc – not .wps) are accepted

- Submit no more than 3 pieces at a time and wait until we review them before sending more
- Send your work to literature@kuma2.net and put **Article Submission** or **Essay Submission** as the subject.
 - Your submission may go to the spam folder if you use the wrong subject
- Within 48 hours you should get confirmation that we have received your submission.

These are the guidelines. We look forward to receiving your submissions.