

## What We're Looking For

- Genres: Science fiction, fantasy, mystery, crime, adventure, horror, and everything in between. We love genre-bending stories and unique takes on classic tropes. Grounded, more realistic stories are also welcome.
- Rating: Our stories should be accessible to a wide range of readers. Think PG-13—nothing gratuitously violent, explicit, or overly disturbing.
- Length: We prefer stories between 1,000 and 3,000 words. However, we will consider outstanding stories outside this range with an aim toward serialization. Please note that this is a small publication with minimal payment. We encourage you to save your best work for higher-paying markets.
- Style: We seek stories with strong, clear storytelling and, most importantly, good **characters**: Compelling, diverse, heroic, flawed, larger-than-life, and iconic characters!

## Submission Guidelines

- Format: Please submit your story as a Word document (.doc or .docx) or in RTF format. Please do not send PDFs. Your submission should follow industry-standard formatting requirements for short stories and include your name, email, and word count on the first page of your story.
- Cover Letter: Include a **brief** cover letter in the body of your email that includes your name (and pseudonym, if applicable) and a **short** bio (about 50 words; bios may be published in the magazine and may include links to your website and/or social media).
- Editing: Your submission should be thoroughly edited and proofread. We will not accept drafts or incomplete stories.
- Originality: We only accept original work that has not been previously published, either online or in print.
- We do accept simultaneous submissions, but please let us know immediately if your story is accepted elsewhere.

## How to Submit

Send your story to [epicechoesmag@gmail.com](mailto:epicechoesmag@gmail.com) with the subject line “Submission: [Story Title] by [Your Name].”

## **Response Time**

We aim to respond to all submissions within three weeks. If you have not heard from us after that, please feel free to send a follow-up email.

## **Payment and Rights**

If your story is selected for publication, you will be paid a \$10 honorarium\* and be asked to provide, via contract, “first English-language publishing rights.” As far as we are concerned, all copyright stays with you, the author; however, by signing your contract, you will have sold/transferred first English-language publishing rights to us. This is the right for *Epic Echoes* to publish your unpublished work for the first time in English. You should note that some professional publications may ask for these rights upon acceptance of your work, and you are not legally permitted to provide those for your work after it is published in *Epic Echoes*. You are legally permitted to publish your previously published work as a reprint, but only if that publication does not require first English-language publishing rights. This is why we encourage authors to save their best and longer works for higher-paying markets.

\*If your story is selected for serialization in our magazine, you will be paid an additional \$5 for the subsequent issue in which your story appears (i.e., if your story appears in three issues, that would be \$20 total in payment—the \$10 honorarium for the initial publication, plus \$5 for the next two issues in which the story is serialized). Serializing a story is rare and will be reserved only for outstanding stories.