

RMC-SCBWI Fall Conference Manuscript Critiques

This is your chance to get professional feedback on your work! Unlike writing contests, the Manuscript Critique provides a valuable and constructive critique from a published author, an agent, or an editor.

Submissions must be **RECEIVED BY August 11, 2018, 9 p.m. MDT** for consideration.

MANUSCRIPT PREPARATION

- **FORMAT:** All manuscripts should be formatted with **1-inch margins, double-spaced, 12-point Times New Roman font.**

- The first manuscript page may begin at the top of the page. Begin with the first page of the story (do not submit chapters from the middle or end).
- You do NOT need to start a new page for a new chapter.
- Include a header with the manuscript title, author name, and page number on each page. (No cover page required this year.)

- **SUBMIT:**

- EARLY READERS, MIDDLE GRADE, AND YA** (fiction or nonfiction):
 - Submit up to 10 pages (try to find a natural stopping place)
 - Optional: a one- or two-page, double-spaced synopsis. Synopsis should be formatted as described above.
- PICTURE BOOKS** (fiction or nonfiction):
 - Submit a complete manuscript up to 2000 words (text only).

- **SEND** the following to our Manuscript Critique Coordinator:

- Attach completed Manuscript Critique Registration Form (from page 3 of this document).

- Attach manuscript and optional synopsis together as **one** word document (picture book submissions should NOT include a synopsis).
- Copy and paste or attach proof of conference registration and manuscript critique payment (included in itemized SCBWI Online Registration form.) Contact registrar for special circumstances.
registrar.rmc.scbwi@gmail.com

- **SEND TO:**

Denise Schurr, Critique Coordinator:
manuscripts.RMC.scbwi@gmail.com

THINGS TO NOTE

- You must be an attendee of the Fall Conference to participate in the Manuscript Critique.
- Manuscripts that do not meet the style and submission requirements (including formatting, and page limits) **WILL BE DISQUALIFIED.**
- If you registered for a one-one-one critique, make sure you arrive in a timely manner to the conference in case your appointment is first thing! **If you have special scheduling needs, please indicate them on the registration form or email the Critique Coordinator:**
manuscripts.RMC.scbwi@gmail.com
- Only one manuscript per person, please.

Questions? Contact Denise Schurr at manuscripts.RMC.scbwi@gmail.com. Thank you—and good luck!

MANUSCRIPT CRITIQUE FAQ

1. *Where do I find registration confirmation?*

Members: Log into the main SCBWI.org page. On the left-hand sidebar of your member profile page, click on "Event History." Under 2018 Letters & Lines event, click "View Registration Confirmation." It will show registration and the purchase of a manuscript critique that you can copy and paste.

2. *My manuscript was submitted after the deadline. Why was it disqualified?*

Because of our tight schedule, manuscripts needed to be **RECEIVED** by the deadline date. This was clearly stated in the instructions and we're very sorry you missed it. **Please Note:** We are unable to offer refunds for missed deadlines.

3. *I forgot to include a synopsis with my novel manuscript submission. Can I send it now?*

No. A synopsis is suggested, but not essential. The manuscript can be reviewed without it.

4. *My first chapter ends on page 11 and the limit is 10 pages. Can I just send 11 so you'll have a complete chapter?*

No. Please limit your manuscript to 10 pages. If your chapter is longer than 10 pages, look for a natural stopping point before that and send the pages up to that point. If we receive a manuscript over the page count (for novels) or word count (for picture books), they will not be included in the critique.

5. *How do you select the authors who provide critiques?*

All authors invited to critique are authors published in the same genres as the manuscripts they critique. We also select authors who have a good track record for providing helpful feedback on manuscripts. Authors often provide more detailed and in-depth feedback than busy editors!

6. *I had to miss the conference and my critique! Can I still get my feedback?*

Yes! Just contact Denise (manuscripts.RMC.scbwi@gmail.com). She can send you a scanned copy of your manuscript and your reviewer's written comments via email. She can also send hard copies, if you provide a 10" x 12" self-addressed, stamped envelope.

MANUSCRIPT CRITIQUE REGISTRATION FORM

(Please read the Manuscript Critique instructions and FAQ carefully)

Name: _____ Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____ Email address: _____

Membership Status:

___ SCBWI PAL Member

___ SCBWI Full Member

___ SCBWI Associate Member

Chapter/Region if outside the Rocky Mountain Chapter: _____

Manuscript title: _____

Manuscript type: _____ (picture book, early reader, MG, YA, / fiction/nonfiction, etc.)

I will be attending the conference: ___ Saturday & Sunday ___ Saturday only ___ Sunday only

My critique is with: _____

Send the following to the Critique Coordinator per the Manuscript Critique instructions:

- Copy and paste or attach completed Manuscript Critique Registration Form
- Attach manuscript and synopsis (synopsis is optional; do not include for picture book submissions) together as **one** word document.
 - Manuscript (and optional synopsis for novels) formatted with 1-inch margins and 12-point Times New Roman font; double-spaced
- Copy and paste or attach proof of conference registration and manuscript critique payment (SCBWI Online Registration form, \$50 for SCBWI members). Contact registrar for special circumstances. registrar.rmc.scbwi@gmail.com
- Send to Denise Schurr at manuscripts.RMC.scbwi@gmail.com

Submissions must be **RECEIVED BY August 11, 2018, 9 p.m. MDT** for consideration.

Questions? Contact Denise Schurr at manuscripts.RMC.scbwi@gmail.com. Thank you—and good luck!