

## 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.

ALL Submissions (one-on-one and distance) must be **RECEIVED BY August 10, 2017, 5 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):
    - **Author only:** Submit a complete manuscript up to 2,000 words.
    - **Author-illustrator:** You may submit ONE picture book dummy (≤ 32 pages) or the manuscript (formatted as described above) and 1-2 sample illustrations as pdf files. Please limit file/image size to 3,000 KB. Karen Windness can connect you with someone who can assist you in digitizing your submission if you need this service. Email: [rmc-ic@scbwi.org](mailto:rmc-ic@scbwi.org)

- **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](mailto:registrar.rmc.scbwi@gmail.com)
- **SEND TO:**  
Denise Schurr, Critique Coordinator:  
[manuscripts.RMC.scbwi@gmail.com](mailto: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-on-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](mailto:manuscripts.RMC.scbwi@gmail.com)
- Distance critiques will receive feedback on or before October 7, 2017.
- Only one manuscript per person, please.

Questions? Contact Denise Schurr at [manuscripts.RMC.scbwi@gmail.com](mailto: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 2016 Letters & Lines event, click "View Registration Confirmation." It will show registration and the purchase of a manuscript critique that you can copy and paste.  
Nonmembers: copy and paste your email registration confirmation.

### 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](mailto: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.)

Author/Agent/Editor providing critique: \_\_\_\_\_

### For one-on-one critiques only:

I will be attending the conference: \_\_\_ Saturday & Sunday \_\_\_ Saturday only \_\_\_ Sunday only

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