**Submission Guidelines for Queerly Beloved: 50 Years of Gay at West Chester University**

We’re here; we’re queer. We’re gay; we’ll stay—50 years at West Chester University.

*Queerly Beloved* is a literary magazine aimed at celebrating the queer voices at West Chester University. For 50 years, the students, staff, and faculty have uplifted queer voices, elevated the LGBTQ+ community, and moved our campus community in a positive direction. To commemorate the queer voice on campus, the Center for Trans and Queer Advocacy is creating this special edition magazine to highlight queer-focused stories.

*Queerly Beloved* seeks work that explores transformative journeys. Whether it’s the messy, growing pains that come from emergence, quiet revolutions of self-acceptance, or the radiant, chaotic joy of coming out, we want to see your work. Please, send us work about what it means to be you. Come, join us, and be who you are, be authentically you!

**For this special edition, we’re publishing work that is:**

**Queer-focused:** Work for queer audiences, about queer experiences. This includes (but is not limited to) LGBTQIA+ identities, relationships, and communities.

**Transformative:** Stories of transformation journeys, gender euphoria, personal reinvention, and artistic reawakening.

**Literary:** We appreciate well-crafted work with a strong voice, emotional resonance, attention to language, a focus on character, and a thought-out plot.

**Categories:**

Fiction: 1,000–2000 words

Poetry: 50-400 words

Personal Narrative: 1000-2000 words

**Submission Details:**

**Categories:**

* **Fiction:**
  + All work must be original and unpublished (this includes personal blogs or Patreon).
  + Simultaneous submissions are welcome, just notify us if your work is accepted elsewhere.
  + One submission per person will be accepted.
  + Must be submitted in a Word Document.
  + The document should be sent in 12-pt Times New Roman font & double-spaced.
  + Works greater than 2000 words will be declined.
  + Include a brief bio (50-100 words) with your submission, which includes your preferred name.
  + Your file name should be: Title\_PerferredFullName
  + Please submit via [**Ram Connect Form**](https://cglink.me/2f3/s95983)
  + We are currently accepting submissions from creators 18+ only.
  + All submissions not formatted per the requirements will not be considered
* **Poetry** 
  + All work must be original and unpublished (this includes personal blogs or Patreon).
  + Simultaneous submissions are welcome — just notify us if your work is accepted elsewhere.
  + One submission per person will be accepted.
  + Must be submitted in a Word Document.
  + The document should be sent in 12-pt Times New Roman font & double-spaced.
  + Works greater than 400 words will be declined.
  + Include a brief bio (50-100 words) with your submission, which includes your preferred name.
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* **Personal Narrative** 
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**Our Values:**

Queerly Beloved is committed to uplifting underrepresented voices. We encourage submissions from:

* BIPOC creators
* Trans and nonbinary authors
* Disabled and neurodivergent writers

**Deadlines:**

* Submissions are open from **August 26th, 2025,** to **March 6th, 2026**
* Authors will be accepted on a rolling basis
* Will publish on **April 27th, 2026**

**Rights:**

We ask for non-exclusive first serial rights, non-exclusive print rights, non-exclusive archival rights, the right to edit the work, and non-exclusive electronic rights

**Accepted Work:**

When work is accepted for publication, we will send a congratulatory email with a contract attached to be signed and returned to the CTQA email by March 13th, 2026. Contracts will not be accepted after the due date. If we do not receive your signed contract by March 13th, 2026, your work will not be published.

**FINAL NOTE:**

Submissions must adhere to all stated requirements. Any requirement not satisfied will be considered an automatic rejection. If you have questions not covered here, please contact Transandqueer@wcupa.edu with “Queerly Beloved” in the subject line. We are not offering feedback on work during this time, due to the anticipated number of submissions. All current West Chester University students, staff, and faculty members are eligible to submit work. We look forward to reading your submission!