

Criteria for Writers Submitting Love Letters to Humanity:

You are welcome to write a letter *from the human or non-human world.*

Authenticity: Reflect genuine emotions and embody sincerity and honesty in your expression.

Empathy and Compassion: Consider diverse experiences, struggles, and triumphs of humanity as a whole and reflect an understanding of the interconnectedness of all beings.

Universality: Consider shared experiences and aspirations that bind humanity together.

Inspiration and Hope: Your love letter may ignite a sense of optimism about the potential for love, kindness, and compassion to create positive change in the world.

Creativity and Originality: Writers are encouraged to express their message in a creative and original way. Whether through poetic language, vivid imagery, or personal anecdotes, the letter should captivate and engage the reader.

Respect and Dignity: The letter should uphold the dignity and worth of every individual and affirm the value of diversity and inclusivity. It should promote respect, tolerance, and acceptance towards all members of the human and non-human world.

Clarity and Coherence: Strive for clarity in their expression to ensure that the intended meaning and sentiments are effectively communicated to the reader.

Reflective and Thoughtful: The love letter may reflect deep introspection and thoughtful consideration of the human experience. We welcome profound questions, insights, and reflections about what it means to be human or non-human.

Optimism and Resilience: Consider how you can acknowledge challenges and complexities while celebrating the strength, courage, and resilience of humanity in the face of adversity.

Contribution to Collective Well-being: Your letter may inspire individuals to cultivate love, compassion, and empathy in their own lives and relationships, fostering a more harmonious and interconnected world.

Why we may not publish your letter

Political or Religious Affiliation: The love letter should transcend partisan divides and religious beliefs, focusing instead on universal themes of love, compassion, and humanity.

Length or Format: 200 - 400 words is helpful to get your started but there are no strict requirements regarding the length or format of the love letter. Please express yourself in a manner that feels authentic and meaningful, without being constrained by word count.

Grammatical Perfection: Your submission will not be judged solely on grammatical perfection. Minor grammatical errors may be included if your overall message and sentiment is conveyed in your love letter to humanity.

Personal Background or Identity: The selection process should not discriminate based on the writer's personal background, identity, race, ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation, or any other characteristic.

Academic Credentials: The evaluation process will not give undue weight to the writer's academic credentials or qualifications. The focus should remain on the quality of the writing and its ability to inspire, uplift, and resonate with readers on a human level.

Commercial Intentions: The love letter should be a genuine expression of love, compassion, and empathy for humanity, rather than a marketing or promotional tool. Your name will be included should you wish and you are welcome to share on your own platforms but we ask that you link back to our letters page to share your work.

Conformity to Conventional Norms: Writers should not feel pressured to conform to conventional norms. Creativity, originality, and authenticity should be encouraged.

Geographic Location: Love letters can come from individuals all around the world, each offering unique perspectives and insights into the human experience are encouraged.

Age or Experience: Not a determining factor in the evaluation process at all.