

contributor info



Hello, *CONTRIBUTOR*!

First, let us say THANK YOU! for wanting to get involved with the edmontonian. We truly and deeply appreciate that you would read us, let alone write for us.

And second, sorry for the form letter. :(

Believe it or not, we actually have some rules. Our desire is not to thwart your creative genius, but merely to channel your boundless flow of word energy into something that suits our needs. We have three main rules:

1) Don't say anything that isn't true, or make any claims that you can't prove.

Example: You're writing a concert review. You don't like the band.

"I did not like this band, because I felt their music was too fast." **OK!**

"This band was so bad, they clearly must eat babies." **NOT OK!**

2) Write as if your subject is going to be reading your work.

Be funny, be sarcastic, be all the things we love about you, but be fair. Remember that even if you don't know the person you're writing about (filmmakers, musicians, athletes), they're still people who could cry like little children if they read something really mean about themselves on the internet. You can dislike someone's work, but you can still be respectful (and we've got the polite e-mail to prove it!).

3) Please don't be discouraged if we edit your work.

Sometimes we have to change things for space. Sometimes we have to change some grammar. Sometimes we have to change things because of legalities - but it's not because you're not doing a good job. We may write at a fourth grade level, but we know a thing or two about a thing or two when it comes to getting the WRITINGS on the INTERNETS. Though we appear to have a **complete** lack of skill and planning, appearances are deceiving. In reality, it's only a **moderate** lack of skill and planning.

To sum up: We run a surprisingly tight ship (that's what she said). But please don't let that intimidate you. We love getting submissions; it makes us feel like a big deal. If you have questions about anything, or you have something you think we'd be interested in, just drop us a line: submit@theedmontonian.com.

Lots of love,

Jeff & Sally