



Call for Submissions: April 20th 2026 – May 20th 2026

2026 Submission Guidelines

Elixir & Star Press seek submissions for their next grief almanac *a liminal gathering 2*.

We welcome creative work that explores personal experiences of grief, from New Zealanders anywhere in the world.

- Poetry (30 lines maximum)
- Creative Non-Fiction (400 words maximum)
- Photography and Visual Art to fit an A5 portrait layout
- + A short biography (70 words maximum) including your connection to Aotearoa.

Important Notes

- Send us your best work. One submission per category.
- Acceptance of your work requires confirmation that a human has created it.
- Ensure written submissions are proofread and to a publication-ready standard.
- If you have concerns about layout, attach a PDF to your submission.
- Previously published work must have copyright permission for it to be reprinted.
- Edits may be suggested, along with layout changes.
- Work submitted outside the specified dates will not be considered.

Elixir & Star Press is a small, independent publisher based on New Zealand's southern West Coast, dedicated to the expression of grief in Aotearoa. Established in loving memory of Reuben Samuel Winter (1994 - 2020), we have a zero-tolerance policy for offensive or divisive content.

As we are not on social media, we appreciate your support with sharing this submission window widely. We are open to bequests and donations that support our ongoing work.

Editor: Iona Winter

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