

## TIDEPOOLS Entry Guidelines

*Tidepools* publishes original art, comics, poetry, fiction and essays exclusively from MiraCosta College students, staff, and faculty, and awards cash prizes to students in each category. You may submit a **maximum of 3 entries in each of the categories** below. Please observe the following guidelines when submitting your work:

- **Visual Art:** B&W and color drawings, prints, photographs, paintings, mixed media, and graphic design.
- **Poetry:** 1000-word limit, single spaced.
- **Spoken word:** poets must submit a file of a written version of their piece abiding by the poetry guideline above and may choose to include a link to a YouTube video (under 5 minutes) of a performance of that same piece.
- **Fiction:** 1800-word limit, double-spaced.
- **Creative non-fiction and essays:** 1800-word limit, double-spaced.
- **Comic strips and graphic novels/memoirs:** 5-10 panels maximum.

### Instructions for All Entries:

- 1) There is no entry fee.
- 2) Do not put your name on your entries.
- 3) Go to [www.miracosta.edu/tidepools](http://www.miracosta.edu/tidepools) and click "Submit Now" to fill out a cover sheet for each entry and upload your document file or .jpeg (for art submissions). Cover sheets are available on the Tidepools page at:  
<http://www.miracosta.edu/instruction/english/tidepools.html>
- 4) Please do not put in any special symbols in the title of your entry such as #, ?, etc.

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