

## **COSMIC WRITE — TERMS OF SERVICE & CONTEST RULES**

**Effective Date:** [Insert Date]

Welcome to Cosmic Write. These Terms of Service ("Terms") govern your access to and use of the Cosmic Write platform, including all content, features, and functionality offered through our website, mobile experiences, and contests (together, the "Services").

By using Cosmic Write or submitting any contest entry, you agree to be bound by these Terms, our Privacy Policy, and the rules applicable to each contest.

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### **1. ELIGIBILITY**

Contests are open to individuals who are 18 years of age or older, or the age of majority in their jurisdiction, whichever is higher. Void where prohibited by law. All federal, state, and local laws and regulations apply.

You must not be a resident of a country, state, or territory where such contests are restricted or require registration that Cosmic Write has not fulfilled. You are responsible for ensuring that participation is legal under your local laws.

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### **2. CONTEST STRUCTURE**

We run literary contests that may include, but are not limited to: - Micro-writing challenges - Prompt creation submissions - Thematic competitions across various genres

Each contest will have clearly defined rules, judging criteria, entry instructions, deadlines, and prize details published at the time of launch.

These contests are skill-based, not games of chance. Entries are judged on creative merit, not random selection.

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### **3. JUDGING & WINNER SELECTION**

Entries will be judged based on creativity, emotional impact, originality, and relevance to the given prompts. All decisions by the judges are final.

Cosmic Write reserves the right to disqualify any entry that appears to be plagiarized, generated inauthentically, or submitted in violation of these Terms.

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## 4. PRIZES & PAYOUTS

All contest prizes will be paid via **PayPal**. Entrants must provide a valid PayPal account in order to receive payment. Any fees, exchange rates, or transaction limits are the responsibility of the recipient.

Prizes are subject to taxation in accordance with your local laws. U.S. residents receiving \$600 or more in a calendar year may be required to complete a W-9 and receive a 1099 form.

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## 5. INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY & LICENSES

By submitting an entry, you grant Cosmic Write a non-exclusive, royalty-free, perpetual license to publish, display, and promote your submission in the Cosmic Write platform, newsletters, social media, and other media formats. You retain all ownership and rights to your work.

Winning or featured entries may be included in the **Cosmic Write Catharsis Gallery, AI Prompt Library**, or other editorial features.

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## 6. LEGAL COMPLIANCE & FTC REQUIREMENTS

Cosmic Write contests comply with the laws of the United States regarding games of skill.

**Skill-Based Contests Only:** These are not sweepstakes or games of chance. Entries are judged solely on merit. No purchase or payment is necessary to enter or win.

**Literary Contest Compliance:** Cosmic Write contests are designed in accordance with legal standards for literary competitions in the U.S., including: - Publicly posted judging criteria - Qualified, impartial judges - Clear, skill-based challenges - Transparent prize structures

**Contest Law Coverage:** These Terms are intended to ensure full compliance with applicable contest law, including: - Avoidance of lottery classification under U.S. federal and state law by ensuring skill—not chance—is the basis for awarding prizes. - Providing a clear alternative to any entry fee (i.e., no purchase necessary). - Full transparency regarding how winners are selected and notified. - Ensuring contests are administered fairly and not misleading to consumers (per FTC guidance). - Honoring all local, national, and international legal restrictions for entrants, including export controls and prohibited countries.

These guidelines help ensure compliance with FTC rules and prevent classification as illegal lotteries.

**Void Where Prohibited:** All contests are void where restricted by law. International participants are welcome unless prohibited by jurisdiction.

**Social Platform Disclaimer:** Contests may be promoted on platforms like Instagram, TikTok, Threads, X (Twitter), or others, but are **not sponsored, endorsed, or administered by any third-party platform**.

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## 7. DISCLAIMERS & LIMITATIONS OF LIABILITY

Cosmic Write shall not be liable for technical failures, submission errors, corrupted data, or any damages arising from participation in a contest.

We reserve the right to cancel, modify, or suspend any contest if fraud, technical failures, or any other factor impairs the integrity of the contest.

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## 8. GOVERNING LAW

These Terms and all contests are governed by the laws of the United States and the State of [Insert State, e.g., California or Colorado], without regard to its conflict of law provisions.

Any disputes arising from these contests will be resolved in the appropriate courts of [Insert State], unless otherwise agreed.

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## 9. CONTACT

If you have questions regarding these terms or a specific contest, please email us at:  [questions@cosmicwrite.com](mailto:questions@cosmicwrite.com)

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Cosmic Write is a platform committed to truth-telling, creative safety, and emotional freedom. Thank you for helping us build a space where storytelling becomes survival — and expression becomes liberation.