

Spellstow Submission Guidelines

Pictures

- File type: Jpeg or PNG
- Format (for Abannings): Square ratio. 300 dpi.

Artwork/Illustrations

- AI generated images are prohibited.
- Original artwork or photographs preferred.
- If using pictures or artwork from another source, be sure they are in the common domain or that permission has been obtained for their use (Wikicommons is a good source).

Articles

- File Format: Word (a .docx file) or OpenDocument Text (.odt file)

Title

- **Title Font:** Beowulf Modern font size 36 (This can be downloaded here: <https://www.dafont.com/beowulf-modern.font>)
- **Subtitle & Author Line Font:** Beowulf Modern font size 24

Body of Article

- **Font:** Linux Libertine size 12 (This can be downloaded here: <https://www.dafont.com/linux-libertine.font>)
- **Non-Modern English Words** (Except Titles and Proper Names): Italicized
- **Special Characters** should be used to reflect Old English or Théodspeak.
 - Please be sure to spell your *háta* and *árung* with special character.
 - Use Æ/æ (ash) instead of tying AE/ae.
 - Old English long vowels should use an acute mark (ex: á) rather than a macron (ex: ā).
 - Example: Wóden rather than Woden. Théodish rather than Theodish, *háel* rather than hael.
 - For long diphthongs, be sure to put the acute mark over the first vowel. Bosworth-Toller is a wonderful resource, but it was written in the early days of Old English studies and its placement of the acute mark over the second diphthong vowel is now considered incorrect.
 - Example: Péod rather than Peód
 - Use Þ (thorn) at the beginning of words or compound word parts, ð (eth) if found in the middle or end.
 - Example: *Primilce*, *Wéodmónað*

- That said, W is preferred over Þ (wynn). Ȝ (yogh) can be used if one feels comfortable with differentiating it from G but not willy nilly in place of G.
- **Page Setup**
 - Margins: 1" (top, bottom, left, and right)
 - Gutter: 0"
 - Orientation: Portrait
 - Paper size: Letter (8.5" x 11")
- **Paragraph Layout**
 - Alignment: Justified
 - Special: First line, 0.2" (the indentation for paragraphs only)
 - Spacing
 - Before: 0 pt
 - After: 0 pt
 - Line Spacing: Multiple 1.15
- **Footnotes/Endnotes:** Linux Libertine font size 10. Same spacing as paragraph layout.

Citations & Bibliography

- **Format:** Chicago is preferred.
- **Citations:** If you quote or even refer to another work, please cite it, even if it is only by mentioning the author and title in the line. It is not the Editor's job to add citations for you.
- **Bibliography:** Preferred for more academic articles and/or where various Théodish works are cited/mentioned.

Deadline

- Spellstów comes out twice yearly at the beginning of *Éastermónað* and at the beginning of *Winterfýlleð*. To give time for its compiling and formatting, submissions should be sent in a month ahead of time (by the beginning of *Hréðemónað* and the beginning of *Háligmónað*).
- Late submissions may be held for future issues.

Editorial Policies

- Due to time constraints, editors might make minor changes or corrections to articles without notifying the authors (e.g. Breaking a long sentence into two, swapping "Théodism" for "Théodish Belief," standardizing the spelling of an Anglish word or some bit of Théodspeak).
- For reasons of content length or relevance, the editors may remove sentences or paragraphs from submissions if they deem it needful to do so or if said material detracts from the submission itself (e.g. digression, diatribe, repetition).

- Contributors will receive the “Early Edition” (i.e. the pdf proof copy) of *Spellstów* a week before it is published. It is ultimately the responsibility of the contributor to look over his or her article during that week and to let the editors know if there are any issues with the submission as it appears on the page (i.e. footnote misnumbering, missing text, text that did not copy in correctly, etc).