

# BAZUBA EDITORIAL GUIDELINES

## Queries

If you are interested in writing for BAZUBA Magazine, you must query the editor for your region before submitting an article for consideration. Your initial query must include the following information:

- Name
- Email
- Phone
- Best times to contact you
- Writing sample.

## Samples

Attach your writing sample to your email in RTF or Word format. A good length would be 500 words. It can be on any topic, but the closer to our genre the better.

## Writing Guidelines

Whether you submit a writing sample or complete an assignment for us, following the points below will increase your chances of publication.

1. If you have an idea for an article, pitch it to your editor before you go through the effort of researching and writing it. However, do make sure you have enough of a grasp on your concept first.
  2. If we give you an assignment with a word count, stick to it. Come as close as you can. If you feel you have a good case for going over the limit, talk to your editor about either increasing the limit or possibly making your article a two-parter or serial. If it is a strong enough case, you might land a column. But do not decide you are going to exceed the limit by 500 words in the hopes of impressing your editor; all you will do is get him wondering if you can follow directions.
  3. READ BAZUBA. Understand what we mean by being “The Indispensable Guide to the College Man.”
  4. If your article has any sources listed, quotes, etc., you must include contact information for these. At the editor’s discretion, BAZUBA Magazine will verify sources to check for accuracy.
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5. BAZUBA Magazine will not accept anything written to cause harm or spread an agenda in general. This specifically refers to anything related to hate crimes, racism or pornography. If you were considering submitting anything like this, please don't.
6. BAZUBA Magazine is looking for a specific voice, one that is informative and entertaining without being crass and repetitive. We do not want writing that reads like it was written for our competition.
7. As a writer, you probably already know that less is more. Including a fifty-dollar word when a nickel word will do is painful for the reader and broadcasts your lack of experience. BAZUBA Magazine expands this philosophy: we will not print anything gratuitous. Use sexual references, swear words, inflammatory statements and "shock" writing sparingly. If you use anything along these lines, be sure that there is a reason for it and that you are not including it "because you can."
8. We acknowledge that even the best of writers can be very poor editors, and the sharpest article may need a correction on spelling or grammar from time to time. But, even accepting that, we do ask that you *please* use your spell check. The less work you give your editor, the more likely it is that you will get a second assignment.
9. Communicate regularly with your editor. If anything is going to change from the expectations set up front, let him or her know as soon as possible.

**If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us:**

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